

FIRST CHURCH CELEBRATION WORSHIP

[11.22.20]

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17
Message: God Loves Contentment
Songs: *Come, We Thankful People, Come [#559]*
For the Beauty of the Earth [#560]
We Gather Together [#561]
The Lord Is My Salvation
Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery
Your Grace Still Amazes Me
Here Is Love

Participating in Worship

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Pastor Bob Johnson

Repeat the Sounding Joy

11.29 Once in Royal David's City
12.06 Angels We Have Heard on High
12.13 The First Noel
12.20 O Little Town of Bethlehem
12.24 Go Tell It on the Mountain



THE BIG 10

GOD LOVES CONTENTMENT

EXODUS 20:1-17

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WHAT IS COVETING HOW DOES IT HURT US?

- It damages our **fellowship** with God.
- It messes with our **finances**.
- It gets in the way of our **relationships**.
- It tears at our **self-concept**.

WHAT IS CONTENTMENT?

Wanting what God wants for us rather than what we want for us.

I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself. I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.

-Philippians 4:11-13

HOW CAN I GROW IN CONTENTMENT?

You may want it all ---- here is where God wants you focused...

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

-Colossians 3:1-3

God's better way

- Have open arms and open hands.
- Walk in the marvelous gift of sharing.
- Receive and walk in God's promises.
- Refuse to compare yourselves to others.
- Learn and choose to enjoy what God has entrusted to you.



What is the aim of the tenth commandment?

That not even the slightest desire or thought contrary to any one of God's commandments should ever arise in our hearts. Rather, with all our hearts we should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.¹

¹ Psalm 19:7-14; 139:23-24; Romans 7:7-8