



## Never Enough Money

Contentment: A state of happiness and satisfaction.

Contentment: Being at peace with where your feet are!

1 Samuel 2:12-17 (NIV)

*Eli's sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Now it was the practice of the priests that, whenever any of the people offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand while the meat was being boiled <sup>14</sup> and would plunge the fork into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot. Whatever the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is how they treated all the Israelites who came to Shiloh. <sup>15</sup> But even before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the person who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast; he won't accept boiled meat from you, but only raw." <sup>16</sup> If the person said to him, "Let the fat be burned first, and then take whatever you want," the servant would answer, "No, hand it over now; if you don't, I'll take it by force." <sup>17</sup> This sin of the young men was very great in the Lord's sight, for they were treating the Lord's offering with contempt.*

### I. Understanding the High Cost of Financial Discontentment:

1. Financial discontentment is a gateway to greater sin. (1 Timothy 6:10)

2. Financial discontentment wrecks your physical health.

3. Financial discontentment damages your relationships.

4. Financial discontentment steals your ministry.

### II. Cultivating Contentment:

#### I. Win the Kingdom battle!

- Contentment is an inner battle between the kingdom of self and the Kingdom of God. (Proverbs 3:9)
- Lack of contentment is an indicator that you have chosen the wrong side.
- God being glorified and you being satisfied will always be linked together.

#### 2. Check your love life.

- Contentment is a result of having the right affections. (Jeremiah 2:13)
- Money is God's top rival for your affection. (Matthew 6:21; Matthew 6:24; 1 Samuel 4:19-22)
- Pursuing His presence over your possessions is the key to contentment.

#### 3. Focus on the right yard.

- Cultivating contentment starts with looking in your yard, not over your fence. (2 Peter 1:3)
- Contentment: Satisfied with where your feet are! (1 Samuel 2:13-14)
- Contentment is a result of being thankful and faithful with your "forkful."