

“Satisfying the Thirst for More”

Human Emotions - Godly Responses



INTRODUCTION

- the lure of greed

“Envy wants to have what someone else possesses. Jealousy wants to possess what it already has. But greed is different. Greed is forever discontented and therefore insatiably craving, longing, wanting, striving for more, more, more.”
– Chuck Swindoll

1. Manifestations of greed

- King Ahab
1 Ki. 21:1-19
- Gehazi, servant of Elisha
2 Ki. 5:15-27
- Jesus’ warning
Lk. 12:13-15

2. The God-designed desire for more...

- God’s nature
Isa. 55:1-3; Jn. 7:37; Rev. 22:17
- man reflecting God’s nature
Ps. 63:1; 84:2; 119:81

3. The man-defying desire for more...

- misplaced appetite
Lk. 12:16-21; Mk. 4:18-19

- the spiritually deadly nature of greed
Rom. 7:7-8; Col. 3:5-6

APPLICATION

1. Be _____ with the God who _____.
1 Tim. 6:17

Prov. 30:8-9; Jer. 31:20

2. Be _____ in God’s _____.

Deut. 8:3-4; 2 Cor. 9:8-11; Mt. 6:31-33; Phil. 4:19

3. Be _____ with God’s _____.

Phil. 4:11; Heb. 13:5

“Contentment is the secret of inward peace. It remembers the stark truth that we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it. Life, in fact, is a pilgrimage from one moment of nakedness to another. So we should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess. Our battle cry is not, ‘Nothing!’ but ‘Enough!’ We’ve got enough.”
– John Stott