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Part 2

Big Idea

We learned last week that Proverbs identifies four types of people—the simple, fools, mockers, and the wise. We also learned how to grow wiser in all areas and how to have the fear of the Lord in our life. The fear of the Lord is the first step towards contentment. But it's important to understand that contentment is not happiness or complacency. Contentment is our ability to rest in Jesus and what we currently have rather than searching for happiness in whatever is next. It's important that we ask what is creating the atmosphere of discontentment in our daily life, because the enemy of contentment is comparison.

The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble. Proverbs 19:23

Discussion Questions

- How has comparison affected your life?
- Read aloud Ecclesiastes 4:6 NIV “Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind.” What is your takeaway from this verse?
- Discuss the three secrets of contentment Pastor Mark covered in the message: 1) Realize what we have. 2) Make God our source. 3) Live life on mission. Which points resonate most with you? Which points challenge your current perspective?

Prayer Focus

Pray that God would help us to see the things we do have instead of what we do not. Ask God for the strength, boldness, and wisdom to look only to Him as our source and that He would help us to live life on mission.

Next Steps

- Make a list of all that God has done in your life that you can use as a reminder when times get tough.
- Now is a great time to re-evaluate and make sure that you are keeping God as the source of your life.
- If you are not on the Dream Team, consider going through the Growth Track on Sunday to find out how you can live on mission in your daily life.

Leader Tip

- Consider sharing your story of how contentment is working in your life.
- Consider sharing the struggles you have with wrong perspective, wrong presumption, or where the fear of missing out is causing you to search for more.