

**Introduction:**

1. What are some things on your wish list?
2. What are some things that you have purchased or done that you thought would deliver the ultimate, but let you down and left you with buyer's remorse?

**Understanding:**

3. Pastor Dave talked about a landmark study out of Princeton in 2010 where they tried to correlate household income with happiness. Three thousand years earlier Solomon observed a very similar conclusion: people who assume that the more you make, the happier you are, wind up unsatisfied. What are your thoughts?
4. Read Proverbs 23:4-5. How do you wear yourself out? When have you trusted in your own cleverness, only to fail?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:17. Timothy warns people in his church NOT to idolize money. Besides money, what do people in 2015 idolize?
6. The end of 1 Timothy 6:17, tells us to put our hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. This past week, did you truly enjoy the things God has given you? What and how did you enjoy them? If you didn't enjoy them, what was it that kept you from enjoying them?
7. What are the stressors in life that prevent you from enjoying what God has provided you?
8. Read Ecclesiastes 5:19. Solomon talks about "accepting your lot" or being content with what you have. How and when does God reveal your lack of contentment?
9. Read Hebrews 13:5. What is the command and how can we do it?
10. Read Philippians 4:11-13. How does Paul remain content?

**Application:**

11. 1 Timothy 6:6 says, "But godliness with contentment is great gain." Pray that God will help you fight off greed and to be content with what God has given you.
12. Greed is very powerful. Paul, like Solomon, realized that he couldn't do it on his own. In Philippians 4:13 Paul says, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." As you pray, ask God to give you the strength to overcome!
13. Keep a list all week of things and people you are grateful for and thank God!