

Online Study

Godly Discontentment

This week we will look at the topic of being discontent from a different viewpoint. God calls us to live in a world with different standards, different values, and different beliefs than that of a Christian. We are challenged to live in this world, but not of it. As we move through our day we quickly realize that the world in which we live in is diametrically opposed to the life of a disciple. In that moment we experience Godly discontent. We are discontent with this world, and are challenged to live for Christ with boldness and grace.

As we approach this topic take some time to reflect on that, which brings you contentment. Consider what brings God contentment. As you reflect think about what types of issues Jesus raised in this world. What was Jesus discontent about? What broke His heart? Those same issues should weigh on us. Ask God to reveal Himself to you through this study and through these moments set aside to be with Him.

Read 1 Timothy 6.11-16 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

As you read this letter to Timothy from his friend Paul what immediately strikes you?

Paul urges Timothy to flee and then pursue. As you read this text, and reflect about this idea of Godly discontent what is God's Spirit urging to flee, and to pursue?

Godly Discontentment cannot be fabricated. We can't acquire this Godly Discontentment. God's Spirit is the only catalyst for this sense of truth. Take some time to sit and ask God's Spirit to stir your heart toward Godly discontentment. Ask God. Listen. Write what you sense His Spirit saying.

Paul challenges to Timothy to "Keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" Are there elements of your life that God is encouraging you to pursue without spot or blemish?

God is pressing us through His Word for us to move deeper in relationship with Him. God is calling us to a deeper relationship with Him, but not just in our hearts, but also in our actions. He longs for us to love what He loves and to hate what He hates. He is calling us toward holiness. As you look at your day today, where is God urging you to love? Where is urging you to take a stand and call for His truth to be lifted up?

As you close this study take the time to ask God what it is that He wants to do in you and through you today. What breaks God's heart, should break our heart. What causes Him to be saddened should sadden us. But God didn't just sit still with a broken heart. He acted. He sent His Son. He called and equipped a little band of believers, and ultimately drew you to His Son. Today, give Him the place He deserves in your life, and then act. Put God's love into action. Be His servant today.

As you close write a prayer asking Him to reveal Himself and His call on your life.