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Joyride Living Content

- A. Intro: Have you found yourself chasing after more?
 - a. Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 NLT – ¹⁰ Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! ¹¹ The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers!

- B. Big Idea: Contentment comes from a heart that rests in God
 - a. Content – choosing to be satisfied where God has me right now

- C. Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20 NLT – ¹⁰ How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. ¹¹ Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty. ¹⁵ As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. ¹⁶ Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. ¹⁷ I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness. ¹⁸ At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.

- D. How do we live content in a world of want?
 - a. Learn to be Content
 - i. Proverbs 27:20 NLT – ²⁰ Just as Death and Destruction are never satisfied, so human desire is never satisfied.
 - ii. Proverbs 23:4-5 - Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.
 - iii. Philippians 4:11 NLT – ¹¹ Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have.
 - iv. Philippians 3:8a NLT – ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
 - v. Exodus 20:17 NLT – ¹⁷ “You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female

servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

- vi. Colossians 3:5 NLT – ⁵ So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

b. Rely on Christ for Strength

- i. Philippians 4:12-13 NLT – ¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
- ii. 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 NLT – ⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

c. Know that God will Supply our Needs

- i. Philippians 4:19 NLT – ¹⁹ And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.
- ii. 2 Corinthians 9:8 NLT – ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.
- iii. 1 Timothy 6:6-8 NLT – ⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. ⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. ⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.
- iv. Hebrews 13:5 NLT – ⁵ Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”

E. Close: Where is God calling you to be content right now?

- a. "Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have." — Anonymous

b. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: Philippians 4:19 HCSB – ¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- ii. Think: Am I caught up in wants and comparison rather than the assurance that God will provide what I need?

- iii. Action: Write down what God has provided and thank Him for His provision.