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Why is Enough Never Enough?

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*For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds!*

Luke 12:23-24 (NLT)

*Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content.*

Ecclesiastes 1:8 (NLT)

**enough** *adjective*

*a*: occurring in such quantity, quality, or scope as to fully meet *demands, needs, or expectations*

**demand** *noun*

*a*: a forceful statement in which you say that something must be done or given to you

*b*: a strong need for something

*c*: the ability and need or desire to buy goods and services

**need** *noun*

*a*: a lack of something requisite, desirable, or useful;

*b*: a physiological or psychological requirement for the well-being of an organism

**expectation** *noun*

*a*: a feeling or belief about how successful, good, etc. someone or something will be

*b*: a belief that something will happen or is likely to happen

If the world was ever supposed to meet our  
demands, needs and expectations,  
why did Jesus

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**content** *adjective*

*a*: pleased and satisfied: not needing more

Contentment is hard to come by because we live in a  
\_\_\_\_\_ culture.

*It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community.*

Galatians 5:19-21 (MSG)

Fundamental tenet that God poses to us throughout the Bible:

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- Contentment looks back at the Cross – can I trust the God who died for me?
- Contentment looks to the future – Heaven is where everything will be made right.

### **How much is too much?**

How can I begin to limit my consumption to live with I Timothy godliness and contentment?  
What is really essential?

*Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 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. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.*

*But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.*

I Timothy 6:6-10 (NLT)

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