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Review Assignment

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Assignment : Lesson 4 - Contentment and Peace

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Non Graded Question

1. Read Joshua 1:8 and Hebrews 11:36-40.

What do these passages communicate to you about financial prosperity for the believer?

Student Answer

To keep the Book of the law, meditate on it, and do everything written in it then you will become prosperous and successful.

Suggested Response

In Joshua, God promised prosperity for the nation of Israel if they obeyed His commands.

In Hebrews, we are shown that even godly people sometimes suffer and never see financial prosperity here on earth.

Non Graded Question

2. Consider the lives of Job (Job 1-2, 42), Joseph (Genesis 37-50), and Paul (especially Acts 9 and 2 Corinthians 11).

- a. Did these men experience periods of financial abundance, as well as times of financial hardship?
- b. Was their lack of financial prosperity a result of sin or a lack of faith?
- c. Should Christians expect to prosper financially? Why or why not?

Student Answer

- A. Yes they experienced both.
- b. No it was not.

c. Not necessarily, prosperity can also mean being prosperous in faith or family or friends. Not everyone is prosperous financially.

Suggested Response

- a. Yes, they definitely did, even to the extreme of each.
- b. In these three cases, their times of poverty were not a result of sin or a lack of faith as far as we know.

c. While following God's commands and Biblical financial principles will increase our likelihood of experiencing financial peace and in some cases, prosperity, we not to expect financial blessing on earth for our faithfulness to God.

Non Graded Question

3. Read Luke 12:15; Ephesians 5:3, 5; and Colossians 3:5.
- What do these passages say about coveting and greed?
 - How are coveting and greed different?
 - What are some ways you can avoid or overcome these sins?

Student Answer

- Be on guard against all kinds of greed and that life isn't about what you own. and that greed is not good for God's people. And that greed is idolatry - basically holding things higher than God.
- Coveting is wishing you had and not being content. Greed is being absolute angry about gaining everything that you can get.
- By every time you start thinking of these things and becoming discontent to return to a daily devotion and think about God and His want for you to be content with his heavenly possessions not earthly ones.

Suggested Response

- In Luke, we are warned to be on our guard against coveting, and reminded that life is not measured by how many things we have. In Ephesians, we are told that a hint of greed is not proper for God's holy people. In Colossians, we are told that greed is a form of idolatry.
- Coveting is wanting something that is owned by another, while greed is the excessive desire for wealth or possessions.

Non Graded Question

4. Read Philippians 4:11-13 and 1 Timothy 6:6-8.
- What did Paul learn about contentment?
 - Why does discontentment displease God?
 - How does our culture discourage contentment?
 - How can you gain more contentment in your life?

Student Answer

- That no matter the circumstances to put your trust in God and draw strength from Him.
- Because from discontentment breeds people who fall into temptation and pulls you further from Christ.
- Because we are always looking for the new thing - ads are everywhere making you think you NEED it. When it is a want more so.
- Be grateful for our circumstances by thanking God for what all we have and what we are able to do with our bodies.

Suggested Response

- Paul learned that he could be content, regardless of his circumstances, and that godliness with contentment is great gain. He also learned to be content with only basic needs satisfied.
- Since contentment is satisfaction in God's sufficient provision, being discontent is having a heart attitude that what God has provided is insufficient.

Non Graded Question

5. Reflect on important times in your life.
- When have you chosen contentment and what was the result of that choice?
 - When have you chosen discontentment and what was the result of that choice?

Student Answer

A. When I had my 1999 Honda for 10 years! That car put me through highschool and college and up to my first baby. It helped me save money and I was thankful have a vehicle that worked.

B. When I decided I wanted a bigger car, then Weston's vehicle went out the next month and I think both of those decisions really started sending us spiraling out a into debt.

Non Graded Question

- 6.
- a. Do you sense that the Lord wants you to alter any part of your lifestyle or spending habits?
 - b. If so, write some practical steps you could take to start making those changes.

Student Answer

A. Oh yeah, I am sure he sees us as a mess! Haha :)

B. I want to continue chasing our goals and get out of debt. Pay a tithe, get out of debt, and just be able to function as a family.
