

# The “Greener Grass Conspiracy”



Philippians 4:11

# “IF ONLY”

- What would make you really Happy?
- Put “If Only” in front
- “If Only”
  - Marriage
  - Job/promotion
  - Kids
  - Sickness
  - budget
- Why do we play this game?

**Discontent!**



# Why Am I So Unhappy?

- **Mark 7:20-23**

- The problem is me!

- **James 4:1-3**

- Our discontentment causes us to complain.

- **Philippians 4:11-12**

- **1 Timothy 6:6-10**



# It's Not About Me!

- We are not here for our purpose
- Psalm 19:1
- Isaiah 6:1-3
- Isaiah 40:6-8
- Psalm 8:1-9



# It's Not About Me!

- Contentment is a disposition of the heart...
- Having nothing is not contentment
- Having everything is not contentment
- Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-2



# It's Not About Me!

- Contentment is a disposition of the heart that freely and joyfully submits to God's will...
  - “Grin and bear” attitude
  - Romans 8:28



# It's Not About Me!

- Contentment is a disposition of the heart that freely and joyfully submits to God's will, whatever that will may be.
  - No problem when it's:
    - Large sums of cash
    - Unfailing health
    - Regular vacations
    - Peace, rest, and family bliss
    - Etc...



# Satan is Lying To Us!

- God Is Withholding From Me
  - Genesis 3:4-5
- God Owes Me
  - Luke 17:10
- I'll Be Happy If I Get It
  - Psalm 73:25
- I Know What Is Best For Me
  - Psalm 23:2-3



# We Complain

- The Israelites
- Where there is smoke there is fire
- Where there is complaining, there is discontentment.
- Psalm 103:1-5
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



# Count Our Blessings

- We have our **Life**
- We have our **Health**
- We have **Food**
- We have **Shelter/Possessions**
- We live in **Luxury**



# True Blessings

- We fail to appreciate the true blessings in life.
- Antique Roadshow
- We are children of God
  - Romans 8:38-39
  - Matthew 6:26
  - John 4:14
  - Philippians 3:8-11





“Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Phil. 4:11-13)