

# Study Guide

*This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at [www.spwired.com](http://www.spwired.com).*

**Monday – Read I Timothy 6:6-10.** Read this passage through slowly and carefully. Verse 6 – in what ways is your life contented or discontented? Verse 7 – talk about perspective! How are you pursuing stuff that will not last? Verse 8 – What do you really need to be content? Verse 9 - How does the pursuit of wants and desires entrap you, harm you or others? Verse 10 – What about money is the root of all evil? It's not money itself. What does "love of money" look like? How does your greed keep you from being generous?

**Tuesday – Read Philippians 4:10-13.** Is your contentment circumstantial? What do you think Paul's secret is – clue is verse 13? What can bring you peace, even joy, that is above your circumstances? Why do you think we equate circumstantial, short-lived happiness with contentment?

**Wednesday – Read Mark 7:1-23.** Read verses 14-16 again. What is coming out of your heart and being lived out in the things you pursue, the way you spend your time, energy, and money? Take an inventory of the stuff you WANT. What is the "more" you think you need? Jesus says that greed defiles us. What do you think that means?

**Thursday – Read Colossians 3:1-15.** Verse 2 is a key verse. How much of your mind is focused on earthly things? How does a focus on what's eternal change your perspective about wants, needs, contentment? Verses 5-10 are warnings of things that distract us from pursuing Christ. Verses 12-14 describe lives that are thriving in Christ. Read and compare these lists and asses your life honestly. What do you have power to change in your life? What do you want to ask Jesus to change in your life? Pray as you feel led.

**Friday – Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15.** Paul is encouraging the church in Corinth to follow through with their pledge of gifts to help Christians in Jerusalem area who were suffering because of forms of economic persecution. There are many jewels of teaching here, so you may want to read it several times or from different versions. Verses 10-12 talk about a divided heart or the intent verses the actuality of giving. How does your greed divide your heart? How do verses 13-15 speak to you about the inequity of food in our world today, where a child dies ever 4 seconds from a nutritionally related disease?

## Prayer Concerns

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