

CONVICTION + CONSISTENCY = CONTENTMENT

TEXT: John 13:12-17

INTRODUCTION:

- A. **NO TRUE HAPPINESS WITHOUT HARMONY OF FAITH AND DEEDS (vs. 17)**
 - 1. Faith without works is dead (**James 2:17**).
 - 2. Works without faith is death (**James 1:5-8**).
- B. CONTENTMENT IS ACHIEVED WHEN CONVICTION IS JOINED TO CONSISTENCY.
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 - 1. Freedom from sin involves **walking in the truth (John 8:31-32)**.
 - 2. Peace and Joy derive from **consistency (Phil. 4:4-9)**.

I. PLEASURE MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH PRINCIPLE.

- A. ONE MIGHT BECOME A SERVANT OF PLEASURE RATHER THAN OF GOD (**Titus 3:3; 2 Tim. 3:4**).
- B. WHEN ONE SERVES WHAT SATISFIES THE FLESH, **SIN RULES (Rom. 6:12)**.
- C. THERE IS A **CONSEQUENCE (vs. 16)**.
- D. **YOUNG PEOPLE! (Ecc. 11:9 – 12:1, 13-14)**.

II. OUR COMPANIONS WITH OUR CONVICTIONS.

- A. **Prov. 13:20**. HE WHO LAYS DOWN WITH THE DOGS ... (**1 Cor. 15:33**)
- B. WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON (**2 Cor. 6:14 – 7:1**).
- C. HAPPINESS WELLS UP FROM **GODLY ASSOCIATION (Phile. 4-7; 3 John 3-4)**.

III. WORSHIP MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH LIFESTYLE.

- A. A PRACTICAL LESSON FROM THE PROPHET (**Isa. 1:10-15**).
- B. IF OUR WORSHIP IS HYPOCRITICAL, THE ANSWER IS NOT TO QUIT, BUT **REPENT (Isa. 1:16-18)**.
- C. NOTHING BRINGS MORE JOY THAN SINCERE WORSHIP (**Psa. 122:1; 84:10**).

IV. CONDUCT MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH CONSCIENCE.

- A. **GREAT MISERY** RESULTS FROM DISOBEYING OUR CONSCIENCE (ie. King Saul).
- B. **TO VIOLATE THE CONSCIENCE IS DEATH (Rom. 14:23)**
- C. HOW DO WE ACQUIRE FAITH (**Rom. 10:17**).
- D. EVIL MEN DESTROY THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE (**1 Tim. 4:1-2**)
- E. A GOOD CONSCIENCE IS A BLESSING (**1 Tim. 1:5**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. SALVATION IS IN **KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH (John 8:32; 2 Thess. 2:13)**.
- B. BUT WE MUST **OBEY** THE TRUTH (**2 John 4; 1 Pet. 1:22**).