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Words to Find:

Simeon

Judah

Benjamin

Reuben

Ephraim

Gad

Manasseh

Issachar

Zebulon

Asher

Dan

Naphtali

What Are You Living For?

Harry Todd

What are you living for?
 What is your goal in life?
 Are you living just for self,
 Your family, or your wife?

Are you living just for money,
 And a life of ease,
 Living just for pleasure,
 And doing as you please?

Are you living for the weekend?
 So you can run and play,
 Not thinking of eternity,
 But only of today?

Are you living just for fortune,
 Are you living just for fame?
 Gain the world and lose your soul,
 Then just what would you gain?

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I Cannot And I Won't

Bill Brinkworth

Some, with fortunes many desire, have taken their own lives, showing that their massive wealth and possessions never brought them happiness. Many with handicaps and hardships have still managed to have contentment and peace in their lives. One's physical, social, or financial condition has little to do with happiness and joy. Contentment with who one is and what one has can be obtained no matter the situation.

The life and attitude of Fanny Crosby well illustrates this fact. Born in 1820, her life started with problems. She was born in a poor household, and to make matters worse, she developed an inflammation of the eyes when she was six weeks old. The doctor was not available, so a replacement prescribed treatment for the infant. The hot poultices put on her eyes blinded her.

To make matters worse, her father died when she was one year old, and she was raised by her mother and grandmother. None

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\$ Love of Money \$

Bill Brinkworth

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." I Timothy 6:10



If it is thought about carefully, the love of money (or something that is valued), is the root of all evil. Money itself has no value. It is just paper, metal, or something that gives power or the ability to get what one wants. The value and power that it enables people to have is what makes it coveted after.

Coveting is what has brought and will continue to bring many

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of these misfortunes created any bitterness or a bad attitude in this blind child. At nine years old, her good attitude was reflected in her life and even in this short poem:

*Oh, what a happy soul I am,
Although I cannot see;
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.*

*How many blessings I enjoy,
That other people don't;
To weep and sigh because I'm
blind,
I cannot, and I won't.*

Later she wrote: "It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow, I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God, if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me." She had perfect acceptance of her situation.

With a life that many would pity, she was able to accomplish much. She attended the New York school for the blind when she was 15, and learned much about music, singing, and playing the piano and guitar. During her lifetime, that education would help her as she wrote many poems, songs, and stories.

In 1863, she wrote her first

hymn, and by the time she died in 1915, she had written over 8,000 hymns glorifying God. Many of them are still sung today, such as: "Blessed Assurance", "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me", "Close to Thee", and "My Saviour First of All". None of the "Queen of Hymn's" songs reflect any resentment or malcontent of her blindness or mishaps in her life. She faced life proudly, not bitterly, and did not have the attitude that others should pay for her misfortune. Instead, she used her handicap for the glory of God, and He was able to use her mightily for the cause of Christ. She is a blessing to millions today, almost a hundred years after her death, because of the song and joy she had in her heart.

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heartaches and hardships. Sin always has a price tag that few want to pay when payment time is due. Coveting has been behind:

- \$ Robberies
- \$ Murders
- \$ Wars
- \$ Cheating – one covets grades they do not have
- \$ Lies
- \$ Taxes – to get money from someone else

\$ Sexual crimes – to get what they do not have

\$ Adultery – to get someone they do not have

\$ And most crimes, and sins.

People covet: money, fame, clothing, toys, houses, bicycles, things, education, and to be like someone else. No matter the popularity, coveting is still sin according to God's word:

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."
Exodus 20:17 Also: Deuteronomy 5:21, Romans 13:9

Much of our American economy is based on man's sin of coveting. Many businesses know of man's sin of coveting and try to make money from it. The television industry thrives on the money it makes for the ads it sells. Each one of these ads is aimed at convincing the audience that there is something better and more wonderful than what they have. They know that getting people discontent with what they have is the key to a sale.

With all the things we have coveted, not one of the things we did obtain has ever given us total contentment. We always want something else. Perhaps we just got a new car, but the ad about a new Cadillac has us drooling for another that is shinier, faster, and will "make us more popular". Our lust to covet is insatiable — "...so the eyes of man are never satisfied." Pr. 27:20!

"Money is an article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness."

Since things, life-changes, life-styles, or anything we can obtain will never diminish our desire to have more, what can one do to have joy and happiness? The Bible's solution is for all to be content with what they have, and who they are.

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." *Philippians 4:11*

"And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."
1 Timothy 6:8

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." *Hebrews 13:5*

What Are You ...

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*Is your goal a finer house?
A larger boat, a fishing rod?*

*In the Bible we are told,
"Seek first the kingdom of God."*

*If your treasures are on earth,
But the Gospel you have spurned,
Where will your treasures be,
When this earth will be burned?*

*So what are you living for?
What will the ending be?
Stop and make plans now,
Where you'll spend eternity.*

"He who knows no hardships will know no hardihood. He who faces no calamity will need no courage. Mysterious though it is, the characteristics in human nature which we love best grow in a soil with a strong mixture of trouble." — Harry Emerson Fosdick