**Things you need - kill lust the enemy of contentment – James 1: 13 -15**

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content, in whatever circumstances I am – Phil 4:11

**Focal Truth: Contentment is destroyed by the enemy of lust**

Lust = a strong craving, longing for what is forbidden - Gen. 3: 1 -13 – The Garden of God was not enough

**Observations**

1. God does not tempt us to sin – 1:13
2. God cannot be tempted of evil
3. God does not tempt anyone for evil
4. Temptation comes from uncontrolled lust in everyone – 1:14
5. Each person is tempted
6. Each person is led away by the power of lust
7. Each person is enticed away by the power of lust
8. Ps. 106:13 -14 – they quickly forgot His works, they did not wait for His counsel, but craved intensely in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert
9. Lusts acted on is sin – 1:15
10. Ps. 7:14 – he conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood
11. Sin brings death – 1:15
12. Lust causes conflicts with self and others – 4:1
13. Lust is an empty desire without any satisfaction – 4:2 - 3

*You lust and do not have*…

*You are envious and cannot obtain…*

You do not have because you do not ask…

You ask with wrong motives to spend it on your pleasures

1. Lust corrupts the soul – 2 Pet. 1:4
2. Lust is centered in fleshly pleasures – 1 John2:16
3. Lust is centered in pleasures of the eyes – 1 John 2:16
4. Lust is driven from boastful, selfish pride – 1 John 2:16
5. Lust brings the judgment of God – 1 Cor. 10: 6 – 14
6. Observe the examples of the fleshly cravings of the Israel – 10:6
7. Do not be an idolater, playing at satisfying your fleshly lust – 10:7
8. Do not act sexually immorally to seek to satisfy your fleshly lusts – 10:8
9. Do not test the Lord by living in uncontrolled lust 10:9
10. Do not complain of your dissatisfaction because of your lusts – 10:10
11. Do not be self confidence rather than watchful of your unsatisfiable lusts – 10:12
12. God always provides a way to escape your lustful desires if you seek it – 10:13

**Things to Remember**

1. The enemy of contentment is unsatisfiable lust
2. Lust is unsatisfiable desire
3. Killing lusts produces contentment
4. Everyone lives with lust and acts on lusts
5. Contentment comes with gain, lust comes with unending dissatisfaction
6. God’s best for us is never enough for the lustful
7. Lust is the pain behind all troubles
8. Destroy lusts or lusts will destroy you!

**Daily Use**

1. Desires are controlling you today?
2. Is the source of your discontentment in the uncontrolled desires of your mind?
3. Are you living under the control of unsatisfiable fleshly cravings?
4. Have you acted on those fleshly cravings resulting in sin?
5. Admit your unsatisfiable lusts! Don’t look away, face them and confess them to God