

Homeschooling on a Shoestring Budget...

Covetousness: A desire for something that others have, but you have not been granted, and your heart's sinful reaction to the apparent thwarting of that desire. It is the subtle judgment that you deserve more than you have and that God has not given you all that He has promised or that you deserve.

Envy: the human tendency to evaluate one's well-being comparatively, by assessing how well one is doing in comparison with others. Envy is pain at the good fortune of others. It views the well-being of others with distress. The test is when someone else receives something we haven't, whether it is a material item or praise, gratitude, and recognition, how do we react.

Contentment: The 'acknowledgement and satisfaction of reaching capacity.' John MacArthur says:

"That word contentment, is behind the statement of Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want." It's another way of saying, 'I'm content, I'm satisfied.' It's enough for me to know the Lord is my shepherd. There is no need that I have that escapes him. There is no need that I have that is beyond his compassion or his provision. There is no enemy against which he will not protect me...If I have the Lord as my Shepherd I have everything I need. I have everything I want. I have enough."

Scripture

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. James 4:2

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." Mark 7:21-23

A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot. - Proverbs 14:30

A joyful heart makes a cheerful face; A sad heart makes a despondent mood. All the days of a poor person are wretched, but contentment is a feast without end. Proverbs 15:13, 15

But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and ^[c] we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ~1 Tim 6:6-10

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Colossians 3:5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:5

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.¹² 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.¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Phil 4:11-13

Luke 12:15-32 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?"¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully,¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'"¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'"²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on."²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,²⁸ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.²⁹ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!³⁰ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.³¹ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.³² Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Resources

<http://www.gutenberg.org/> - free online classics

<http://www.pagebypagebooks.com/> - free online classics

<http://www.bartleby.com/> - free online classics

<http://www.biblegateway.com/> - free online bibles of every translation

<http://www.gty.org/resources/study-guides> - fantastic, free Bible studies (MANY) from John MacArthur

<https://www.xtramath.org/> - free math help

<http://www.khanacademy.org/> - free videos and tutorials on just about any subject (check out math)

<http://donnayoung.org/science/index.htm> - Great homeschool resources, lesson plans, etc. – free!

<http://math.tutorvista.com/> - free online math tutoring

<http://www.jamesbrennan.org/algebra/> - free algebra course, with free text book (downloadable)

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/> - specifically under “Get Answers” and “Education” (not all free...)

<http://blog.drwile.com/> - Dr Jay Wile’s blog

<http://www.abundantnature.com/> - Nature posts by a homeschool dad...

<http://christianworldview.net/> - Christian Worldview

<http://microbusinessforteens.com/> - Entrepreneurship and economics

<http://blog.thehomeschoolmagazine.com/> - freebies, homeschool info and encouragement

<http://www.triviumpursuit.com/> - Fallacy Detective, logic

<http://www.senorjordan.com/los-videos/> - fantastic, makes learning Spanish easy, fun, and free!

<http://www.writeshop.com/blog/> - great creative writing blog

<http://www.grammar-monster.com/> - free help with grammar

<http://www.spelling.hemscott.net/#advice> – spelling, puzzles – fantastic!

<http://www.historyplace.com/index.html> - history help

<http://www.chinstitute.org/> - history from Christian Worldview, Christian history

<http://playinghistory.org/> - hundreds of free history and civics games

<http://www.vintageremedies.com/home/> - Christian herbology website

<http://extension.psu.edu/> - 4H – excellent courses!

<http://www.colormatters.com/> - color science (fun!)

http://www.currclick.com/product_info.php?products_id=38201&it=1 – Forensics (9.99)

<http://www.currclick.com/index.php> - cheap curriculum (e-versions), frequent specials – even free!

<http://www.flashcardexchange.com/> - make your own flashcards, or tap into ones others have made

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker/?CFID=919620&CFTOKEN=34749807> – Turn your lessons into puzzles, word searches, cryptograms, and more! – free!

<http://www.ehow.com/> - free tutorials (even with videos) on everything from how to knit to how to carve deer antlers...

<https://ssj88562.infusionsoft.com/app/form/free-diagnostic-test---home-school-students> - free SAT prep test/diagnostic tool- endorsed by James Stobaugh

<http://www.wgu.edu/> - accredited college degree online, relatively inexpensive

<http://www.collegeplus.org/> - college tutor for achieving a degree faster and inexpensively

Public library – Also see if your community has a Christian library. Ours has one which includes all the most current Christian bestsellers, many classics, Christian videos and music, and books on tape.

Apprenticeship – My husband stopped by a local lawn-mower repair shop to ask if the owner would consider apprenticing our son. He LOVED the idea and went on to apprentice 3 of my sons. None stuck with it as a career, but all came away with valuable life skills. Another son is currently apprenticing with a local garage as a mechanic. Another son apprenticed with a landscaper and went on to start his own business. Another son apprenticed with a painter and went on to start his own successful painting business.