

ENOUGH

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

From Week #2 *Wisdom and Finance*

All Church Program Hour Discussion Themes

Reflections

- › From Scripture ... Very often we think of the *Story of the Prodigal Son* as being a commentary on self-centeredness and the need for immediate gratification. At its core, however, this story can also be thought of as a reflection on our relationship to our possessions ... To what extent do we define our success by how much we have *right now*? How difficult do we find it to be patient and to wait for rewards?
- › The more money we make, the more money we seem to waste ... unless we *plan* and make a *purposeful effort* to do otherwise.

Challenges

- › Common challenges – those that often frustrate our best plans – include unexpected bills, soaring health care costs, and the challenge of *thinking long-term* in the face of advertising campaigns that urge us to buy and spend *now*.

Opportunities

- › Adam Hamilton spoke of the difference between those who live “with a mighty purpose” and those who live as “small feverish clods” of insecurities and complaints. Most of us are somewhere in the middle. Financial plans are often easier to adhere to when we have a group that *holds us accountable for our decisions* (financial and otherwise). A Covenant Disciple Group or simply a group of like-minded friends can help meet this need.
- › There may be a special need for *young people – including teenagers* – to hear messages on financial planning and delayed gratification. *How can we begin such dialogs in our congregation?*

Next: Sunday, October 18th
Cultivating Contentment
9:30 am - Sanctuary