

# Living Differently

*"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."  
Matthew 5:14 (New King James Version)*

Christians, as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, are to be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Living Simply

A. God calls His people to live more simply:

1. Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 - A \_\_\_\_\_ man often \_\_\_\_\_ better than does a \_\_\_\_\_ man. \_\_\_\_\_ do not satisfy!
2. Ecclesiastes 4:6 - One \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ is better than two without it.
3. Matthew 6:24 - We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (But many try!)
4. 1 Thessalonians 4:11 - We should \_\_\_\_\_ to lead a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

B. Warner: "Simplicity is making the \_\_\_\_\_ of this life with just \_\_\_\_\_ enough."

## Living Generously

A. In 2004, the average American gave \_\_\_\_\_% of his income, or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per person.

B. God calls us to be generous with what we're given:

1. Mark 12:41-44 - \_\_\_\_\_ wanted us to learn from the example of the poor \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 2 Corinthians 9:7,8 - God \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ giver.
3. 1 Peter 4:9-11 - Are we good \_\_\_\_\_ of the manifold \_\_\_\_\_ of God?

C. Hudler: "Be a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_."

## Living Contentedly

A. Contentment shows that we're different from others:

1. Proverbs 15:16 - A \_\_\_\_\_ is better with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ than great \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 1 Timothy 6:6-10 - Godliness with \_\_\_\_\_ is great \_\_\_\_\_. But greed will \_\_\_\_\_ us through with many \_\_\_\_\_.

B. To search for \_\_\_\_\_, the man sold his \_\_\_\_\_ - on which many \_\_\_\_\_ were later found!

Does a \_\_\_\_\_ show we're different? Or living as God teaches?

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