

Peace In A Troubled Economy

"Now godliness with contentment is great gain." 1 Timothy 6:6 (NKJV)

The _____ has much counsel on how to view _____ things.

"A" - Check The Aim Of Your Life

A. Those focused on material goods will miss true peace:

1. Proverbs 23:4,5 - It seems that _____ make themselves _____ and _____ away.
2. Proverbs 27:24 - _____ are not _____.
3. 1 Timothy 6:9,10 - Those who _____ to be _____ open themselves up to much _____.

B. Those focused on spiritual treasures are on the road to peace:

1. Matthew 6:19-21 - To _____ up _____ in _____ means to put our _____ on the life to come.
2. Matthew 6:25-27 - By focusing on _____ treasures, we learn how to overcome _____.

"B" - Check the Blessings You've Been Given

A. God's people are taught to count their blessings:

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - In _____ give _____. This is _____'s _____ for us.
2. Philippians 4:6,7 - Be _____ for _____, but take your _____ to God with _____.
3. Philippians 4:19 - God shall _____ all our _____.

B. Law: The surest way to _____ is to _____ and _____ God for _____ that happens to you.

"C" - Check Your Level Of Contentment

A. God's counsel on contentment:

1. Colossians 3:5 - _____ is the opposite of contentment. "If _____ have something, so should _____!"
2. Genesis 3:6 - If _____ and _____ had learned contentment they wouldn't have _____ their _____ home.
3. 1 Timothy 6:6-8 - _____ with _____ is _____ gain. If we have _____ and _____, we shall be content.

B. Lewis: Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant _____, but they're not our _____.

John 14:27 - _____ gives _____, unlike what the _____ gives.

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