



Lesson 15 “It’s Not About You” Teacher: Beth Seifert

Read 1 Corinthians 1:20-31. What five adjectives does Paul use to describe the people God has chosen to do His work? (Verses 27-28)

Does the world think you’re wise? Do you want the approval of men, for men to think you are wise?

Whose approval should we be striving for? (Colossians 3:22-24)

Read Jeremiah 9:23-24. What should we boast in?

Read 2 Corinthians 11:30-12:10. What does Paul boast about?

Why does He boast about weakness? (Verses 9-10)

Often, when we are weak, when we are unable to go any further on our own strength, we finally give in and allow Him to be in control. It is during those times that His strength is magnified in us; that it is obvious that it is NOT from ourselves but from Him that our strength is given.

Read Proverbs 19:23.

How do we learn to rest in contentment? (“Fear” here, in the Hebrew, is most often associated with “reverence”, “respect”, or “piety”.)

Read Hebrews 13:5-6. What connection does the author of Hebrews infer between the love of money and contentment?

Because God has promised never to leave us or forsake us, why should that help us to be content?

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-11. What should we be content with?

What will we bring with us when we die?

What, then, should we pursue?

Read Matthew 11:28-30. What does Jesus promise to provide for those who are weary with doing everything in their own strength?

Read Matthew 6:19-34. Where is our treasure to be?

If our treasure is here on earth, where will our hearts be?

What will be the result in our emotional state?

If we are storing up treasure for ourselves here, we will be in a constant state of worry over the stability of our treasure here.

Wherever you are today, even if it is not where you expected or wanted to be, you have a choice to make. God has planted you where He has chosen, for your good and for His glory.

You can continue to be miserable, or you can draw nearer to Him, and bloom where He has planted you. My prayer for you all is that today you would draw near to Him and take the focus off of yourself, and rest in the knowledge that He is in control and you can trust Him with your life, every day, in every way.