

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Who Do You Know That is Content?"

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One winter when Laura Ingalls Wilder was a girl she and her sisters were thrilled to receive for Christmas the following: a peppermint stick each and one doll to share.

In the mid 1970s my grandma got new carpet (in her kitchen only). When she died in 1999 it was still "the new carpet."

I have a 65 year old friend named Carmen who lives in a two room house in Juarez, Mexico with her invalid sister-in-law. She works 40 hours per week handing out electronics flyers on the busiest streets of Juarez so she can earn \$40/wk. She changes her roommate's diapers, babysits her grandchildren, and listens to her radio in her little stucco house. When I talk to her she seems to be the happiest most grateful person alive.

Why can't I be more content?

I want a softer bed, a firmer chair, a more economic car with better features, and a healthier, tastier meal fixed in less time for less money. I want better service from friendlier people

at a time that is convenient for me. I want to earn more money in less time to buy more things that will work faster and never break. I need to lose weight so I can look better in differ-

ent clothes to impress people I haven't yet met.

And what bothers me most about this is that I think this is pretty normal. Do you think this is normal?

Today I am challenged by Paul's words to Timothy: the Apostle wrote "Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth . . . So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content." (1 Timothy 6:6, 8)

Food, clothing and godliness; is this the recipe for contentment?

Lets see . . . food. Check. I've got plenty of food for now.

Clothing. It's winter and I'm not cold, so check. Clothing is satisfactory.

Godliness. Uh, let's see. Well, let me get back to you. I've gotta think this one through before I can make an evaluation.



REMEMBERING OUR PRESIDENTS

Presidents' Day is a time to remember the leaders of our country and the admirable qualities each exhibited in his service to our nation.

George Washington, our first President, often considered the father of our nation, was revered for his honesty, simply stating, "I cannot tell a lie." Certainly, this legacy is a fundamental basis for all effective relationships in our world. Abraham Lincoln, ranked among the greatest Presidents, was known as "Honest Abe". He successfully led this country through its first and only internal war, preserving the Union and ending slavery. He set a great example of character by his actions.

The character and actions of these Presidents make our country what it is today. Won't you take a few moments to thank God for them and for all of our Presidents' contributions to our nation as we celebrate Presidents' Day?

Sunday 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13	Monday Psalm 51	Tuesday Isaiah 58:1-14	Wednesday Joel 2:1-17	Thursday Hosea 11:1-11	Friday Hosea 14:1-9	Saturday 1 John 1:1-10
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