**No Better Request**

**Reading – Proverbs 30:1-9**

***(Proverbs 6:30-31) People do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving. {31} Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.***

**Real wants vs real needs. *(Hebrews 9:27) And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,***

**DELIVERANCE FROM MORAL CONTAMINATION**

***(Luke 12:15-21) And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses… {20} "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' {21} "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."***

***(Proverbs 19:4) Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his [so-called] friend.***

***(1 Corinthians 15:33) Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."***

Peter tells us of those who… ***will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, {14} having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children… {17} These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. {18} For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. {19} While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. (2 Peter 2:13-19)***

***(Colossians 2:8) Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.***

***(1 Timothy 4:1-2) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, {2} speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,***

**a MODERATE LIVELIHOOD**

***(Proverbs 13:7-8) There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches. {8} The ransom of a man's life is his riches, But the poor does not hear rebuke.***

***(Ephesians 4:28) Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.***

***(Proverbs 20:13) Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with bread.***

***(Proverbs 23:21) For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.***

***(Proverbs 28:19) He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!***

**Contentmentis the key**

***(Luke 3:14) Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."***

***(1 Timothy 6:8) And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.***

***(Hebrews 13:5) Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."***

***(Philippians 4:11) Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:***

***(Colossians 3:22) Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.***