



Slaying Christmas Consumerism

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Psalm 23:1

“All advertising sells discontentment.”
Pastor Rick

“The greatest quest of life is the quest for satisfaction. We live our lives pursuing hard after it. We search for something to satiate the pangs of our human appetites—something to quench the dull ache of our unfulfilled cravings. Human beings are hungry creatures. We look for food in all kinds of places: money or possessions, strings of relationships or nonstop activity, sex or power, fame or approval.”
Tom Vanantwerp

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1 (ESV/KJV/NASB/NRSV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. (NLT)

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. (NIV)

“To live with what you have in God being greater than what you don’t have in life.”

The journey towards satisfaction in Christ:

1. Hold stuff loosely. (it’s not yours)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 1 Timothy 6:6-7

2. Don’t compare.

Each of you should test your own actions. Then you can take pride in yourself, without comparing yourself to somebody else. Galatians 6:4

3. Put your security in God.

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions. Luke 12:15

Questions for discipleship group/personal study:

What is a toy from your childhood that was incredibly popular?

Do you agree that ‘want’ can be the largest prison in the world?

Why is advertising so effective at selling us discontentment?

How has this “ever-wanting” created a toll in your soul?

Prayerfully read **Psalm 23:1** in various translations.

What is God saying to you through this verse?

Is the good Shepherd enough for you or is it is God + ____ = satisfaction?

How can your group help you turn away from wanting lesser things, to only wanting the One who can satisfy your soul’s desires?

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