

Never Enough By Kent Heaton

"Hell and Destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied" (Prov. 27:20).

The insatiable desires of men are never filled though centuries come and go. Of all the billions of souls that have walked on the face of the earth and the six billion that reside on the earth now, one constant remains and that is the never ending need of man to have enough. He never does. Someone suggested that enough is always more than what we have. Contentment is a hard pill to swallow when the desires of the eye draw the hearts of men to want more and more. If we gain wealth, we want more. When we achieve success, there is another mountain to climb. A new car turns old and we must have another. Our homes are never big enough, our stuff multiplies from a wanting eye of covetousness, dreams are filled with how much more and how much higher can we pile our things so we can find happiness. And we never do because we never have enough. Our mistaken idea of contentment and joy is rooted in the uncertain accumulation of things that have no meaning. Death is the final separation of the things that matter and the things that do not. Naked we came into the world and it is in nakedness we leave this world.

There have been billions of souls who have died since the beginning of time yet the place of the dead is not full. Destruction or death is an everyday remembrance of the uncertainty of life and it is never satisfied. In a contrast of comparisons, death and hades are never full and the desires of man are never full and in death man is complete because there is nothing left. The grave is empty of the possessions we fill our lives with. All of the things we fret about in life are left to the counsel of the living. Crossing the river of death is in a tiny boat filled only with our soul. There is no covetousness beyond the grave or desire to have more. The passions of life have ended. Time is removed and eternity begins either with joy or with horror. The existence of man is no longer measured by his relentless desire to have more because there will be no more. All he has spent his whole life to attain is lost including his eternal reward.

The lesson of death and hades is to know the certainty of death and the uncertainty of riches. Enough is what we have and that is all. There is a period after gaining enough to find contentment, not a comma. The Christian has a heart attuned to the blessings of God that gives a spirit of happiness because enough is possessing the Lord. We can gain all the gold in this world and lose it all in death or we can gain the riches of Jesus Christ and gain all of glories of Heaven when we die. Godliness is a precious commodity to enjoy in this life and the life to come. The desires of the eye can never be satisfied but the joys of salvation will find peace in the heart of God.

Death and the realm of the dead will never be full and one day the Lord will destroy both. Heaven is a place for prepared people who have set aside the wealth of redemption in their hearts. God must be enough. He is the all in all and there can be no more. Immersing our lives in the word of God living with the hope of eternal life will give us a contentment that sees beyond the pale of this world. Learning to live with a gratified heart will let the eyes see the true glory of life. The Lord God is all we need to possess our soul and we will be satisfied beyond measure. Slow down, take time to be holy and find contentment in the presence of a loving God.

"Covetousness makes a man miserable, because riches are not means to make a man happy." (Jeremy Taylor, Holy Living, 1650)

Narrow Bridge

Driving down a country road, I came to a very narrow bridge. In front of the bridge, a sign was posted: "Yield." Seeing no oncoming cars, I continued across the bridge and to my

destination. On my way back, I came to the same one-lane bridge, now from the other direction. To my surprise, I saw another "Yield" sign posted. Curious, I thought. I'm sure there was one positioned on the other side. When I reached the other side of the bridge, I looked back. Sure enough, yield signs had been placed at both ends of the bridge. Drivers from both directions were requested to give the other the right-of-way. It was a reasonable and gracious way of preventing a head-on collision.

When the Bible commands Christians to "*be subject to one another*" (Eph. 5:21), it is simply a reasonable and gracious command to let the other have the right-of-way and avoid interpersonal head-on collisions. (Stephen P. Beck)

"Submitting to one another in the fear of God" (Eph. 5:21). "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble" (1Peter 5:5).

Funny Isn't It?

--Funny how a \$20.00 bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the market.

--Funny how big an hour serving God looks and how small 60 minutes are when spent playing golf, fishing, or talking on the telephone.

--Funny how long a couple of hours seem when spent at church, but how short they are when watching a movie.

--Funny how we are thrilled when a football game goes into overtime, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

--Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible and how easy it is to read 200-300 pages of a best-selling novel.

--Funny how we believe what newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

--Funny how people scramble to get a front row seat at any sports event, but scramble to get a back seat at a church service.

--Funny how we cannot fit a gospel meeting into our schedule with a yearly planner but we can schedule for other events at a moment's notice.

--Funny how we need two or three weeks to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust it for a social event at the last minute.

--Funny how much difficulty some have learning a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and explain gossip about someone else.

--Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, and don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

--Funny how we are so quick to take directions from a total stranger when we are lost, but are hesitant to take God's directions in order to be found.

--Funny how people are so consumed with what others think about them rather than what God thinks about them.

--Funny how so many churchgoers sing, "Standing on the Promises," but all they do is sit on the premises.

--Funny how people think that they can get more accomplished in a lifetime without God than in an hour with Him.

--Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven, provided they don't have to believe, or to think, or to say, or to do anything. (Author Unknown)