Enough

John Banning · Genesis 3:1–6

INTRODUCTION

- You know how I know the devil wants you to think you don't have enough? Because when I read my Bible and I read about good spiritual, godly grounded people that fail, a lot of them believed exactly that.
- The devil has launched a full assault on contentment. He wants you to think that you don't have enough in this world to be happy, safe, and satisfied.
- The word enough comes from an old English word genog, which actually means sufficient for the purpose. In other words, I can do what I have to do with what I've got.

1 Stop Thinking About What You Have

Genesis 3:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

- The first thing the devil's going to do is he wants you to stop thinking about what you have.
- He wants to get Eve to start thinking about what she doesn't have instead of thinking about what she does have.
- Only when I stop thinking about what I have can the devil do to me what he wants to do.
- You'll never be discontent if you keep your eyes on your own stuff.
- It's not a suggestion to be grateful or thankful. It's a command.
- I have enough to live this life. I have enough to be happy. I have enough to have joy. I have enough to serve God.

2 Exaggerate the Value of the Things You Don't Have

Genesis 3:4–5

- Step number two is to exaggerate the value of the things you don't have.
- The serpent said to the woman, you surely will not die. For God knows that in the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God.
- The only person who ever said it was a good tree was Satan.
- The devil is a master of making the grass look greener.
- The devil convinced David that Bathsheba was the most valuable thing in his entire kingdom.
- What you don't have is never as good as he makes it seem.

3 Blame God: It's God's Fault You Don't Have Enough

Genesis 3:5; 1 Timothy 6:6–10; James 1:16–17

- He says, blame God. It's God's fault that you don't have enough.
- He challenges the character of God and Eve. He causes her to question God's real motives.

- I don’t have enough. And God isn’t going to help me. So I must do whatever it takes to get what I need. Even if that means sin.
- It’s not wrong to want things. What’s wrong is when the devil tells me to make spiritual compromises so I can get them.
- But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.
- Discontentment is not the result of not having enough. Discontentment is what happens when I lose sight of the fact that in Christ I have an abundance of the best stuff this world has to offer.

THE CHALLENGE

Have a hope of heaven. Have an abundance of the best kind of stuff. Give up whatever it takes to get that.

MY NOTES