

Do you have Dust Bunnies?

In this day and age, we hear so much about the “one percent”, those who are the top 1% of earners in the country. We hear about the bankers making millions of dollars in bonuses, we hear about the financial wizards on Wall Street, the billionaires. All while many of us struggle to make ends meet in an economy that seems to be sinking faster than the Titanic. It's hard not to want more. It's hard not to covet.

We see the lives and relationships of the rich and the famous, we see the romanticized movies, advertisements for finding the “perfect” match, we see what seem to be wonderful relationships of those around us. It's hard not to want what they have. It's hard not to covet.

To Covet: to feel inordinate desire for what belongs to another.

But are all of those seemingly happy, wealthy people being seen in their true light? Anything that is not in the light can look more desirable. My living room looks much more inviting in subdued lighting. That's because you can't see the stains in the carpet, the dust bunnies in the nooks and crannies or the wear marks in the furniture. The same is true in life. If all of those things that look desirable to us were exposed and seen in the true light, they might not be so desirable. You will see their “dust bunnies”.

When God gave the laws to Moses, he included our desires for what others have as one of the “Thou shalt not” commandments.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.
Exodus 20:17

...nor anything that is thy neighbor's. That's a very inclusive statement. Instead, we are to be content in what we have.

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
Philippians 4:11

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
Hebrews 13:5

We are not to take pride in those things which we possess, but rather in actions we take. Not to boast, but to be humble. Not to implore the Lord for more, but to accept all of what we have as a blessing.

And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses.
Luke 12:13-15

Placing God first, thanking Him for what we have, and living rightly in the here and now, these are the true attributes of a Christian.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

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

Everywhere you look, there are happy couples, happy families, those who seem to have a life that looks so much better than yours. If you could see in their “nooks and crannies” you might see the dust bunnies of their lives. Remember, you have God with you, every day, in every circumstance. You are blessed with His presence! We have the “Light”. You are the “Light”!

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Matthew 5:14

That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world; Philippians 2:15

May His light be your light always,



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