



Enough is our Concordia University Texas theme for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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with self and others:

What does it mean to be godly?

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the Word:

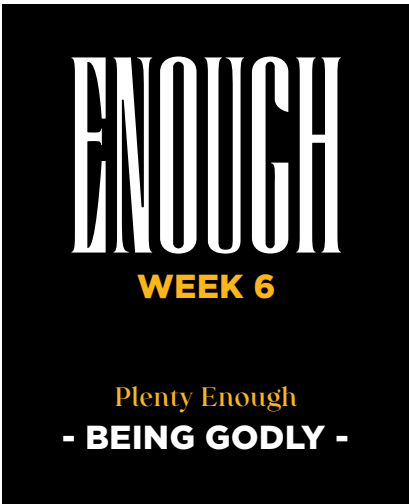
“Now godliness with contentment is great gain.” 1 Timothy 6:6

Food is an essential part of our life to keep our body in working condition. It must appeal to our personal taste, satisfy our hunger, and give energy for us to work. Just by seeing a good plate of food, we cannot enjoy the benefits. Yet, in order to tell others of its quality, we need to actually eat and taste it. We can draw a parallel with food and godliness. Psalm 34:8 says, “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good...” Godliness is something we need to associate with in order to enjoy the benefits.

Godliness is **personal**: God in His mercy has sent His Word into human flesh (Jesus Christ) so that we can more easily relate to Him. Jesus went through all the suffering as other humans do and He is more than enough to understand all our weaknesses (Hebrews 2:18). The goodness of God is given for us to experience Him personally in relationship.

Godliness gives **contentment**: By our personal association with Jesus, we get to understand that through His death and resurrection, our regretful past leading to death is completely wiped out and a new future in Him is gifted. What is the gain of having all that our heart desires and the end of it is nothing but death (Matthew 16:26)? In Christ, our future is bright with the gift of contentment of eternal life with God.

Godliness leads to **fulfillment**: This contentment that we are no longer bound to death but to eternal life gives us new energy to rejoice in the life that God has given us and to proclaim the good news to others, giving importance and respect to others than our own interests (Philippians 4:4; 2:3-4).



This godliness gives us a new perspective. It gives us God's perspective for our life as we interact with people, our money, possessions, and pretty much everything we do.

leftovers, filling seven baskets of extra food! Even when they thought they had enough, Jesus was more than they could possibly imagine. Not only did He fill them physically but filled them spiritually with His presence and compassion. That's much better than the world's best cheeseburger.

SHARE:

- 1. Have you encountered Christ in a personal way?
2. Describe how Christ's love has given you contentment. If it hasn't, what could be some things that prevent you from having that contentment?
3. Godliness is personal. Godliness gives contentment. Godliness leads to fulfillment. Which of those three phrases and explanations above hits you the most today? What actions might you take to more fully apply that phrase in your life through the power of the Holy Spirit?

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GOING DEEPER:

READ
I Timothy 6:3-6

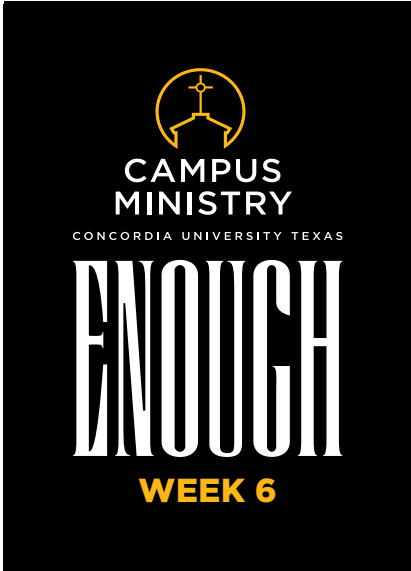
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PRAYER:

Dear Lord, thank You for Your lovely words through which we get to understand You in a proper way. Help us to enjoy a personal relationship with You, being satisfied only by Your love, such that we can radiate Your love and share Your life to all around us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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