



December 10, 2017
Sermon Series
2nd Sunday of Advent
"Becoming Content
at Christmas"
Text: 1 Timothy 6: 6-10 & Phil. 4:11-12

Big Idea: True peace is not just the absence of *what is wrong*, but the presence of *what is right*.

The humbleness of the Christmas story is God's way of intentionally declaring that the true meaning of Christmas has never been about *stuff*; it has always been about *Him*.

Five Characteristics of Christmas Contentment (1 Tim. 6:6-10, 16-19)

- 1) I must put high value on *contentment*.
- 2) I must *turn my keys* over to God.
- 3) I must be deliberate in my gratitude for the *basics of life*.
- 4) Admit that when I prioritize the pursuit of riches, I am on a destructive path.
- 5) If I *have more*, I must *give more*.

How does a Contented Christian think? (Phil. 4:11-12)

- 1) Contented Christians understand that circumstances are always *changing*.
- 2) Contented Christians understand that contentment is a *learned behavior*.
- 3) Contented Christians understand that contentment does not emerge out of what I have; it develops because of what I *go through*.

Conclusion: The best way for believers practice PEACE AND CONTENTMENT IN God's presence and purposes is to live as if we are "*Going to War!*"

