

Cornerstone II – April 2018 Prayer Meeting “Contentment”

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer

Father in Heaven, ever-living source of all that is good, keep me faithful in serving You. Help me to drink of Christ's Truth, and fill my heart with His Love so that I may serve You in faith and love and reach eternal life. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist You give me the joy of sharing Your Life. Keep me in Your presence. Let me never be separated from You and help me to do Your Will.

All: Amen.

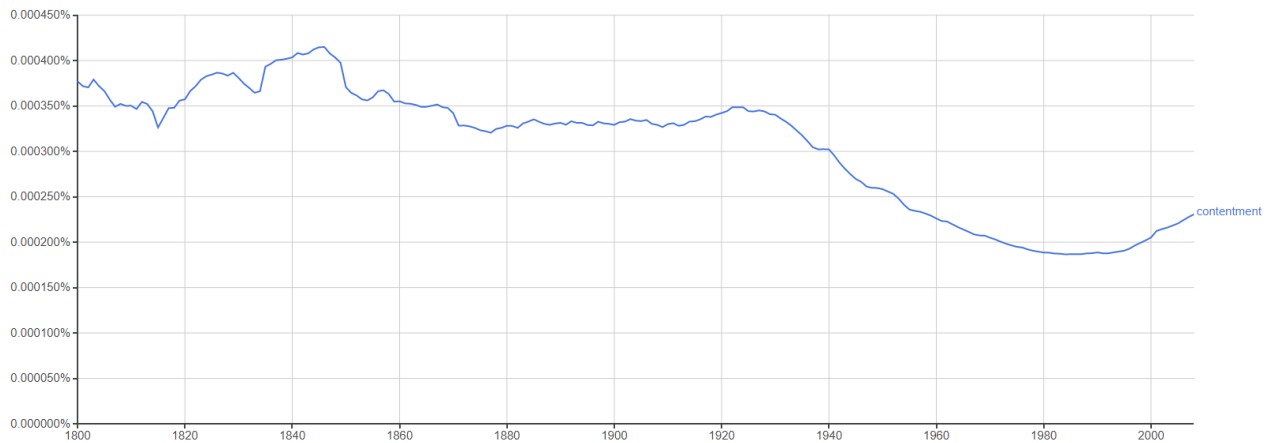
Leader: Tonight, we'll examine whether we are content with what we have.

Silent reflection – The Fisherman and the Businessman

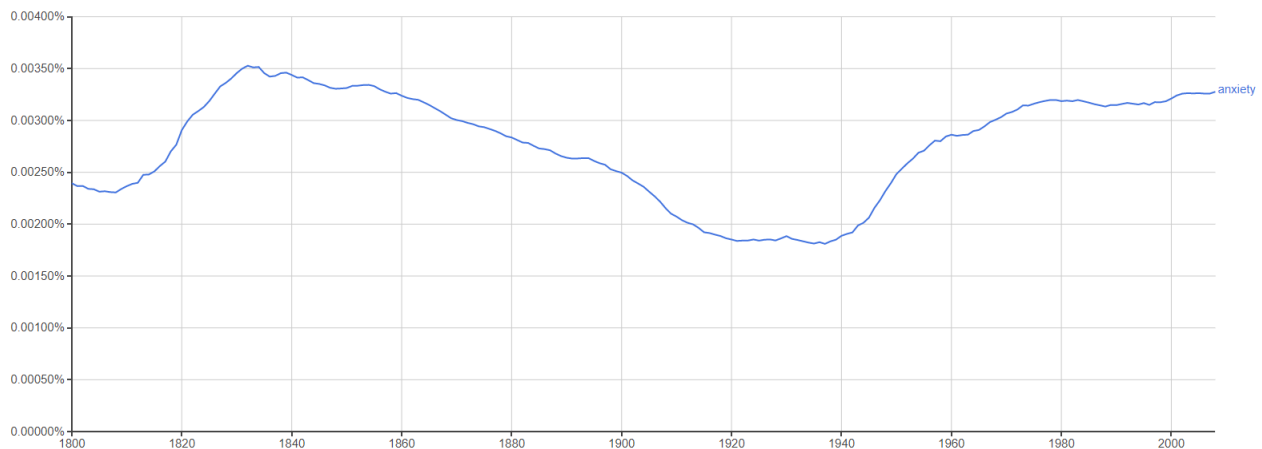


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jInJohfCCUg>

Use of “Contentment” in the English Language (Falls off a Cliff with Great Depression)



Use of “Anxiety” surges from WWII on



Reading – First Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:6 – 1:14)

1Ti 6:1 *Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honour, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed.*

1Ti 6:2 *Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties.*

1Ti 6:3 *Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness,*

1Ti 6:4 *is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension,*

slander, base suspicions,

1Ti 6:5 and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

1Ti 6:6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;

1Ti 6:7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;

1Ti 6:8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

1Ti 6:9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

1Ti 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Silent Reflection

Shared Reflection

Service rendered for the love of God must not be inferior to that rendered from fear of man... Godliness truly is great gain. It makes us content with what we have, and it opens to us stores of blessedness which the wealth of a Croesus could not buy. It is good to have just what is necessary. More than that breeds anxiety. Let us leave the provision for our needs with God. He is pledged to give food and covering, the latter including shelter. Not money, but the love of it opens the sluices and floodgates of the soul, through which wash the destroying waters of passion that drown men in destruction and perdition. Remember that you can carry nothing out of this world except your character.

FB Meyer (1847-1929)

Share with the community some of your thoughts.

Conversational Prayer

Thank you, Lord.	Thank Jesus for people you care about, calling them by name. Be audible and brief.
Help me, Lord.	Be honest, specific and to the point. Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you? Answer him by praying for yourself (that is, for your problems, for forgiveness, guidance healing) using the pronoun "I" "my" and "me."
Help my brother/sister Lord	Pray for each person by name when you pray.

Closing

Leader: The Lord has renewed our spirits with the refreshing coolness of his Holy Spirit. Let us allow that Spirit to pray within us as we speak to the Father in the words that Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father