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Series: ***We All Have Stuff***
Title: ***The Stuff Inside Us***

The riches of having.... stuff!

First in the natural, then in the spiritual.

The Stuff Inside Us!

- Everyone has struggles
- Everyone has failed
- Everyone has hope that his or her life can get better

"The Riches of Being" given to us according to Ephesians 3:

1. Out of God's own riches He strengthens our inner being with power.
2. Out of God's own riches he roots himself in our hearts, so that we may have power.
3. Out of God's own riches he loves you and fills your inner person to the brim, not holding back his blessings.

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

What keeps us from experiencing God's unlimited riches of being?

1. The Complainers

Philippians 2:14-15 (NLT)

Do everything without complaining...

Whining keeps us from God's unlimited riches.

2. The Martyrs

1 Kings 18:10 (NIV)

I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.

3. The Cynics
4. The Perfectionists

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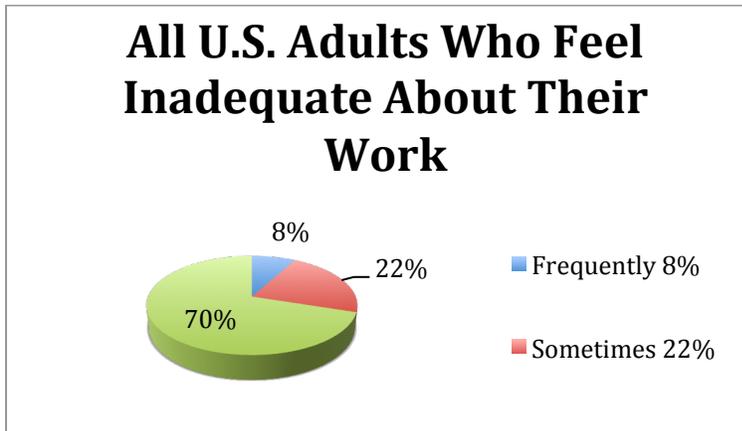
Matthew 12:36 (NIV)

Everyone will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every empty word they have spoken.

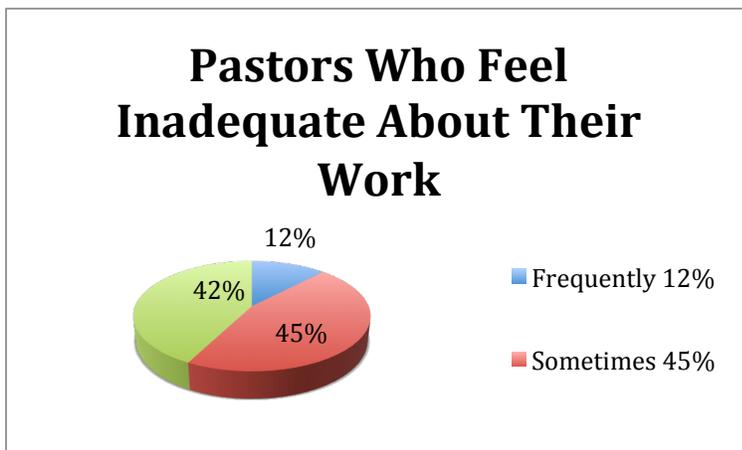
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Do you ever feel inadequate?



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Philippians 4:11-12 (NCV)

I am not telling you this because I need anything. I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens...

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Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Daniel 1:8 (NKJV)

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine, which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)

The Lord says, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.

Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.