

Friday, May 3, 2024

We had our shopping list, and we were headed to our local Sam's club - the epicenter of all things big and bundled. We were going to take care of some shopping for an upcoming event, and cross that responsibility off our list. But there was only one problem...one of the items on the list was "unavailable." We were surrounded by pallet after pallet of clothes, food, kitchenware, and snacks - but one of the things we "needed" was gone - and a big gap lay before us where it should have been. Now, what were we going to do? Get creative I guess, after all, we were surrounded by alternatives. But at that moment, I was frustrated.

You know, it's pretty easy to let discontent and frustration sneak in the backdoors of our hearts. You want 2% milk, and the store is out – but there is a pallet of 1% nearby. You want jumbo eggs, but the store only carries large. You might be surrounded by pallets full of God's blessings, but the one thing you had your heart set on is "unavailable," and your world comes to a screeching halt.

We so often forget that God's provisions come at times, and in ways that are beyond our view and expectations. We sometimes need to be reminded that God's blessings are there, even if we don't get what we want.

1 Tim 6:6-8 But godliness {actually} is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. 7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. 8 If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

The apostle James declares, *"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow."* We need to be grateful for all God's good and perfect gifts...even if what we want doesn't come as we expect.