

Portion Control



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It strikes me that in a nation that revels in the "all-you-can-eat" mentality, we can all use lessons in "portion control."

For instance, many serious health conditions are brought on by overeating. Portion control would involve eating no more than is necessary for health and energy.

We could also use portion control on our energy consumption. How many air conditioners hum in spaces we do not use? How far do our big cars and trucks go, when a more energy efficient vehicle would serve us just as well?

With "portion control" governing our choice of housing, we might well be satisfied with a smaller house, rather than a mini-mansion that strains our budget and causes us to go into credit-card debt.

The Biblical view of wealth shows that we should be satisfied when we have wealth that meets our needs. Everything beyond that is a blessing, not an entitlement, and with it comes responsibility to use it wisely for Godly purposes.

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