

# Contentment

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## Contentment does not depend on what we have It depends on Who (Christ) we have

Contentment: the state of being satisfied.

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. <sup>8</sup> And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

1 Tim 6:6-8 (NKJV)

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### 1. Discontentment comes when we compare.

It happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with musical instruments. <sup>7</sup> The women sang as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."

1 Sam 18:6-7 (NASB95)

Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?" <sup>9</sup> Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.

1 Sam 18:8-9 (NASB95)

### 2. Looking what we don't have.

The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land

of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Ex 16:2-3 (NASB95)

The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; <sup>14</sup> and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them. Ex 1:13-14 (NASB95)

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction. Ex 16:4 (NASB95)

So it came about at evening that the quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew evaporated, behold, on the surface of the wilderness there was a fine flake-like thing, fine as the frost on the ground. Ex 16:13-14 (NASB95)

### 3. Contentment comes from...looking at what we do have...Jesus Christ!

I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Phil 4:12-13 (NASB95)

For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 1 Tim 6:7-8 (NIV)

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Heb 13:5 (NIV)