



CONTENTMENT

SCRIPTURAL TEACHINGS

Where does Paul set the bar for contentment? You may be surprised. Read I Timothy 6:8.

Hebrews 13:5 says, "...be content with what you have." Are you? Think about it.

Let me ask you, would you be content with only food and clothing? Read I Timothy 6:8

What was Paul's secret to contentment in Philippians 4:12?
It is not what you have or don't have that makes you content, it is WHO has YOU!

David reminds us to focus on living in the present. Psalm 118:24,
"This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."

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Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have.

True contentment in life can only be found in a personal relationship with Christ.

A greedy person will never be content and a content person will never be greedy.

Would the word joyful describe how you feel when you give?
Many believers would answer that question, "No, not really." What's wrong?

To be smart, spend wisely. To be wise, save regularly. To be joy-filled, give extravagantly!

There is something missing in our makeup if we can look at all we have to enjoy
and not be moved by some desire to express our thanks.

Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get.

Don't abuse God's body by enjoying too much of the Good Life!



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How often we miss fully living IN the present because we are so busy
REHASHING the past or REHEARSING for the future.

It's not the high cost of living; it's the cost of living too high that gets most people in trouble.

Recognizing the extent to which we are blessed by God materially and spiritually
should lead first to gratitude and then to open-handed living.

God will get it TO you if He can get it THROUGH you. Are you living like a bucket or a pipe?

Motivated to serve God to please Him—you are likely living under the law.
Motivated to serve God because He pleases you—you are likely living under grace.

We all seem to be more than willing to acknowledge that God owns everything,
but we still keep living like WE do.

Calibrate living in the present into seconds — instead of hours, days, weeks, months, years,
and living in the present will be greatly magnified.

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We do not like the idea of admitting that we are poor in spirit. It is contrary to our human nature.

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Whatever becomes common becomes “invisible”. – It is called the Numbing Effect.

Gratitude consists of being more aware of what you have, than what you don't.

QUOTES FROM OTHERS

You say, “If I had a little more I should be very well satisfied.”
You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled.
Charles Spurgeon, *The Complete Works of C.H. Spurgeon*, Volume 5

He who is not contented with what he has will not be contented with what he doesn't have.
Socrates, Greek philosopher

Everyone wants to cling to his ways, refusing to give up any of his attachments. As a result such people feel
neither God's presence nor their own enjoyment.
Johannes Tauler, *Johannes Tauler, Sermons*

It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest.
Elisabeth Elliot, *Discipline: The Glad Surrender*

Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.
Leon Bloy, French Novelist, Poet & Essayist

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Let it not be imagined that a life of godliness must necessarily be a life of melancholy and gloominess; for a man only resigns some pleasures to enjoy others infinitely greater.

Blaise Pascal, French Scientist, 1600s

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.

Rabindranath Tagore

You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy.

Eric Hoffer

A person has not started living until he rises above the confines of his selfish concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

When the back of greed is broken, the human spirit soars into regions of unselfishness.

O.S. Hawkins

Let us not desire human applause by what we do: Let it be done publicly that we may excite others to follow our example."

Gregory the Great

We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.

Cynthia Ozick

Who does not thank for little will not thank for much.

Estonian Proverb

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