

## Contentment

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

*1 Timothy 6:6-8*

*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1-3*

-Nothing physical will last. The spiritual things we gain or lose are what count in eternity.

*Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*

*Philippians 4:11*

-The Spirit-filled Christian is a content Christian who is willing to be content in the circumstances of God's will for his life.

*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

*Matthew 6:24-33*

-Life is not truly in our control to begin with, so why bother worry about things that only God can provide? We should strive in the will of God and trust Him to meet the physical needs necessary to perform His service.

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1*

-God is the ultimate Shepherd. The One who created all and owns all physical wealth will care for the needs of His sheep. If a physical shepherd will care for his sheep, how much more will the sinless Shepherd.

*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5*

-All we need is Christ. A mature Christian is one who rests in what God gives and is not always struggling to gain more, which is a sin in God's eyes.

*And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages. Luke 3:14*

-Most military men are not happy with their wages, and yet the soldier who is in Christ is to break out of this mold and manifest thankfulness for whatever God provides.