

Discontent _____ an _____ heart.

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.²² Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. ²³ And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.²⁴ So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. ²⁵ They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.

Romans 1:21-25 (NLT)

*A miserable heart means a miserable life;
a cheerful heart fills the day with song. Proverbs 15:15 (MSG)*

Always be joyful. ¹⁷Never stop praying. ¹⁸Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

"Contentment is not a natural propensity of man... Covetousness, discontent, and murmuring are as natural to man as thorns are to the soil. We need not sow thistles and brambles; they come up naturally enough, because they are indigenous to earth; and so, we need not teach men to complain; they complain fast enough without any education. But the precious things of earth must be cultivated. If we would have wheat, we must plough and sow; if we want flowers, there must be the garden, and all the gardener's care. Now, contentment is one of the flowers of heaven, and if we would have it, it must be cultivated; it will not grow in us by nature; it is the new nature alone that can produce it, and even then we must be specially careful and watchful that we maintain and cultivate the grace which God has sown in us."

(Charles Spurgeon)

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*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances...
I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation...
¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:11b, 12b, 13 (NIV)*

**The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall _____.
Psalm 23:1 (NASB)**

Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition." Jeremiah Burroughs

Discontent is the _____ of an _____ heart.

To execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." ¹⁶ These are grumblers, malcontents... Jude 15, 16a (ESV)

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. Philippians 2:14-16 (NIV)

*But godliness is a source of great gain when accompanied by contentment (that contentment which comes from a sense of inner confidence based on the sufficiency of God).
I Timothy 6:6 (AMP)*

Discontent _____ in a _____ heart.

These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.
Jude 16(NIV)

*Everyone who is proud and arrogant in heart is disgusting and exceedingly offensive to the LORD; Be assured he will not go unpunished.
Proverbs 16:5 (AMP)*

*“As long as you are proud you cannot know God.
A proud man is always looking down on things and people:
and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot
see something that is above you.” ~ C.S. Lewis*

*But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:
“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”
James 4:6 (NIV)*

Discontent _____ through a _____ heart.

Now the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the LORD...
Numbers 11:1a (NASB)

*“Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker—An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you doing?’ Or the thing you are making say, ‘He has no hands’?
Isaiah 45:9 (NASB)*

*He (Job) said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.
Blessed be the name of the LORD.” Job 1:21 (NIV)*

*“Sin is what you do when you are not satisfied
in God.” ~ John Piper*

*Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults,
with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for
Christ’s sake, for when I am weak, then I am strong.
II Corinthians 12: 10 (NASB)*

Discontent _____ upon an _____ heart.

*At the LORD’s command, the whole community of Israel left the wilderness of Sin and moved from place to place. Eventually they camped at Rephidim, but there was no water there for the people to drink.² So once more the people complained against Moses. “Give us water to drink!” they demanded. “Quiet!” Moses replied. “Why are you complaining against me? And why are you testing the LORD?”³ But tormented by thirst, they continued to argue with Moses. “Why did you bring us out of Egypt? Are you trying to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?”⁷ Moses named the place Massah (which means “test”) and Meribah (which means “arguing”) because the people of Israel argued with Moses and tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD here with us or not?”
Exodus 17:1-3, 7 (NLT)*

Soon the people began to complain about their hardship...⁴ Then the foreign rabble who were traveling with the Israelites began to crave the good things of Egypt. And the people of Israel also began to complain. “Oh, for some meat!” they exclaimed. ⁵ “We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. ⁶ But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna!” ¹⁰ Moses heard all the families standing in the doorways of their tents whining, and the LORD became extremely angry. Moses was also very aggravated. Numbers 11:1a, 4-6, 10 (NLT)

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.” Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)