

R_____ to live in _____.

*Do everything without complaining and arguing
Philippians 2:14 (NLT)*

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

Philippians 4:10-14 (NIV)

***“We are prone to engrave our trials in marble
and write our blessings in sand.” (Charles Spurgeon)***

N_____ a life of contentment.

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Philippians 4:23 (NLT)*

*But grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I Peter 3:18a (NIV)*

*Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, “**My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.**” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

II Corinthians 12:8-10 (NLT)

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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)*

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. I Timothy 6:6 (NIV)
...train yourself to be godly. I Timothy 4:7b (NIV)*

**I learn the art of contentment when in
any and every situation I...**

L_____ to _____.

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4 (NIV)*

*And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory
in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever.
Amen. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.
Philippians 4:19-20, 23 (NIV)*

***“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord,
And our heart is restless until it rests in you.” (Augustine)***

*For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.
Philippians 1:21 (NLT)*

*I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13 (NIV)*

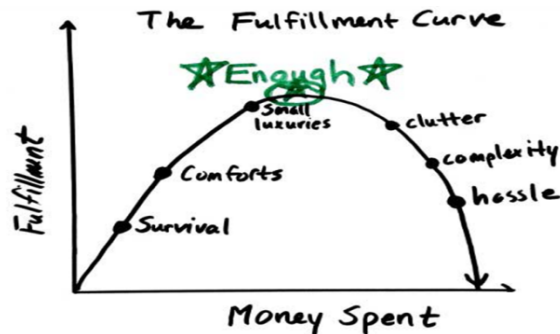
E _____ what I already _____.

*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
Philippians 4:5 (NIV)*

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. I Timothy 6:17 (NLT)

And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God. Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT)

“It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy that makes happiness.” (Charles Spurgeon)



The effect of always desiring more...

Leads to more _____.

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind. Ecclesiastes 6:9 (NLT)

Leads to more _____.

Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. Proverbs 23:4 (NLT)

It's healthy to be content, but envy can eat you up. Proverbs 14:20 (CEV)

Leads to more _____.

As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them? Ecclesiastes 5:11 (NIV)

Leads to more _____.

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep. Ecclesiastes 5:12 (NIV)

Leads to more _____.

Greed brings grief to the whole family... Proverbs 15:27a (NLT)

Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: ⁸Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. ⁹Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, "Who is the Lord?" Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God. Proverbs 30:7-9 (NIV)

A _____ in Christ.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5 (NASB)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:6-9 (NLT)