

*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 Subtle Sin Of Discontent

July 08, 2018 - Jude 15, 16

- Discontent is the fruit of an ungodly heart.
- Discontent forms in a prideful heart.
- Discontent flows from a rebellious heart.
- Discontent feeds on an unbelieving heart.
- Discontent fuels an ungrateful heart.

“Our discontentment is a slap in the face of God.”

ENOUGH?

July 15, 2018 - I Timothy 6

Contentment begins to take root in my life when I...

- Guard against the unhealthy desires that come from having/wanting more.
- Live with the awareness that I will give an account to God.
- Leverage what God has already given me.
- Enjoy what I have but don't depend on it for my joy.

“Beware! Guard against every kind of greed.

Life is not measured by how much you own.” Luke 12:15 (NLT)

The Learned Art Of Contentment

July 22, 2018 - Philippians 4:4-23

<u>L</u>ook to God	<i>Philippians 4:4</i>
<u>E</u>njoy what I already have.	<i>Philippians 4:5</i>
<u>A</u>bide in Christ	<i>Philippians 4:6-9</i>
<u>R</u>efuse to live in complaint	<i>Philippians 2:14</i>
<u>N</u>urture a live of contentment	<i>Philippians 4:23</i>

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

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Hebrews 13:5-6

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.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV)

God gives me the power to choose a life of

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life...
II Peter 1:3a (NLT)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. I Timothy 6:6 (NIV)

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. Exodus 20:17 (NIV)

But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

I Corinthians 5:11 (NASB)

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

Colossians 3:5 (NIV)

Little children (believers, dear ones), guard yourselves from idols—[false teachings, moral compromises, and anything that would take God's place in your heart]. I John 5:21 (AMP)

**I will either live in _____ment
or live in _____ion.**

Contentment = the state of being content, satisfied, or happy
Contention = a struggle, to strive, compete, or dispute

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

II Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)

“Comparing your life with someone else’s will always lead to discontentment. There will always be people who ‘appear’ to be better off than you and seemingly living the perfect life. But be advised, we always compare the worst of what we know about ourselves to the best assumptions that we make about others. Their life is never as perfect as your mind makes it out to be.”
(Joshua Becker)

- Compare my condition to what I _____.
- Compare my condition to those who have _____.
- Compare my condition with _____ on earth
- Compare my condition with what it _____.
- Compare your condition with what it _____.

Choose _____ before _____.

Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. ⁴Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
Psalms 37:4-5 (NASB)

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And our heart is restless until it rests in you.” (Augustine)*

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.
John 15:7-8 (NASB)

Choose to _____ in the _____ of God.

...because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” ⁶So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”
Hebrews 13:5b-6 (NIV)

When faced with an _____ challenge.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁷Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. ⁸The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Deuteronomy 31:5-8 (NIV)

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life.

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you;

I will never leave you nor forsake you. Joshua 1:5 (NIV)

When faith demands _____ a place of _____.

David also said to Solomon his son, “Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished. I Chronicles 28:20 (NIV)

When following Christ has really been _____.

You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.
Hebrews 10:34 (NIV)

When I come to the place where I obey the command because I am believing the promise, I have learned the secret of contentment: “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”