

Hebrews 13:5

5 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.”

Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. 10 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.

1 Timothy 6:6-11

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Luke 12:13-21

15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

Hebrews describes CONTENTMENT as being satisfied with what we have, knowing God will never fail us or leave us

1. Contentment is learned, and can be gained through experience
2. It involves finding peace regardless of circumstances by focusing on what you have rather than what you don't have
3. It involves shifting to an attitude of gratitude, trusting God
4. Contentment is not found in external possessions or conditions. What you have (or don't have) won't lead to being content
5. Trusting God in everything, even if we are shirtless, is the secret of being content
6. To be content as believers, we must resist the temptation to become over-attached to the things of this world
7. Consider what Paul endured and situations he encountered. He was beaten, whipped, stoned, shipwrecked, tossed in the open sea, harassed by enemies, and betrayed by false believers. He endured hunger, thirst, and even nakedness, 2 Corinthians 11:24–28
8. Paul was content in every circumstance because his life was anchored in Christ. True contentment is found in Jesus
9. **Jesus + Nothing = Everything**

There is a tale of a king who suffered from a painful ailment. His counselors advised him of the only cure—to find a contented man, get his shirt, and wear it night and day. So, the king sent messengers to find such a man, with orders to bring back his shirt. After months of searching the kingdom, they returned empty-handed.

“Did you find a contented man in all my realm?” asked the king. “Yes, O king, we found only one in all thy realm,” they replied. “Then why did you not bring back his shirt?” the king demanded. “Master, the man had no shirt.”

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