

Contentment

I Timothy 6:6

“Now godliness with
contentment is great gain.”

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 - I Timothy 6:6
 - Philippians 4:10-20

Why be content?

- God commands it
- He loves us and knows what is best for us so that we can be happy and joyful (in the Lord)
- It teaches us thankfulness
- It keeps us from evil (envy, jealousy, etc.) and their consequences
- We realize that God has given us everything we need to accomplish the work He wants us to do. He always provides the needed resources.
- Contentment keeps us from becoming anxious

- Why is it difficult to be content?
 - Comparing ourselves with others
- Are you lacking “things”?
 - Do we need to be content or do we need to step into action and do something?
- What do we do if we are not content?
 - Take hold of God’s promises and learn to be thankful
- What results from a lack of contentment?
 - Sin

Extremes on either side of contentment (neither is not necessarily wrong)

<u>A lot</u>	<u>Nothing</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Abound	Abased	Phil. 4:12
Full	Hungry	Phil. 4:12
Abound	Suffer Need	Phil. 4:12
I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me	"I can't do anything" (This attitude <u>IS</u> wrong.)	Phil. 4:13

- BUT, don't be apathetic or complacent
 - If God is directing you to do something then that is not the time to be content (apathetic or complacent)
 - We should never be content with our knowledge of the Lord Jesus.
- Christ meets our every need
 - Salvation (sins forgiven because of His dying love for us)
- Christ is our example
 - He was content to do His Father's will