

Thankful and Contented

Selected Scriptures

Biblical Joy: *An unspeakable gladness, a gift from God that refreshes our soul.*

- **1 Thessalonians 5:18** *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*
- **Psalm 100:4** says, *“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him and bless His name!”*

What is the secret of thanksgiving?

- **Philippians 4:11-12** *“. . . I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.”*

Here's the Truth: *Contentment is realizing how much you already _____, how much God has already _____ you, how rich you already _____.*

- **Proverbs 12:9** *“Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than pretend to be somebody and have no food.”*
- **Proverbs 15:16** *“Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.”*
- **Proverbs 16:19** *“Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.”*
- **Proverbs 17:1** *“Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.”*
- **Proverbs 28:6** *“Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse.”*

A Mathematical Equation to Contentment

1. Add your _____.
 - **Joshua 1:9** *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be frightened, do not be dismayed, for The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*
2. Subtract your _____.
 - **Isaiah 55:8** *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are My ways your ways.”*
 - **Romans 8:28** says, *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*
3. Multiply your _____.
 - **Psalm 91:1** says, *“He who dwells in the shelter of the most high will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”*
 - **Psalm 1:5** says, *“For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”*
 - **Job 23:10** says, *“He knows the way that I take. When He has tried me, I will come forth as gold.”*
4. Divide your _____.
 - **Galatians 6:2** says, *“Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*

Conclusion: What is Contentment?

Verse for November 2023 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)
Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s Will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

My Commitment: *“Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . .”*

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: *“What did God say to you today?”*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*