

Contentment in Christ

Philippians 4:10-13

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Main Point:

Whether you have plenty or are in want, always find your contentment in Christ your Savior.

1. You will have times of plenty and want in this life.

2. You must learn to be content, no matter what your situation.

3. Contentment is found only in Jesus Christ.

4. Always find your contentment in Christ your Savior.

Quotations and Cross-References

2 Corinthians 11:25-28 ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ *in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness-- ²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. (NKJV)

Hebrews 13:5a ⁵ *Let your conduct be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. (NKJV)

Jeremiah Burroughs “Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.” (*The Rare Jewell of Christian Contentment*)

Matthew 26:39b ³⁹ ... "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*." (NKJV)

Philippians 3:8 ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ. (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson “Paul had learned to be content in Christ particularly in the sense that possessing Christ had brought him a contentment which was independent of his immediate situation. Paul was content to have Christ – period.”