

Learning To Be Content
Living on a Margin Part 4
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A DEFINITION OF CONTENTMENT

Contentment is _____ for your soul.

“It’s healthy to be content, but envy can eat you up.”

Proverbs 14:30 (CEV)

LEARNING THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT

“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 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. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

Philippians 4:11-13 (NIV)

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT CONTENTMENT

1. Contentment isn’t found in what I _____

“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.”

Philippians 4:12a (NIV)

2. Contentment isn’t found in what _____

“I have learned the secret in being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.”

Philippians 4:12b (NIV)

- Two key words: _____ and _____
- Don’t confuse contentment with _____

3. Contentment isn’t found in comparing myself with _____

“We do not dare classify or compare ourselves . . . It is not wise.”

2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)

Three Boats We Board That Take Us To Comparison

- _____ Circle
- _____ Circle
- _____

FIVE KEY ACTIONS FOR FINDING CONTENTMENT

Enrolling in the School of Contentment

1. Put your hope in _____
“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is uncertain, but to put their hope in God.”
1 Timothy 6:17a (NIV)

2. _____ on what you have and not on what you don't have.
“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

3. Enjoy what you _____
“(God), who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”
1 Timothy 6:17b (NIV)

4. Invest in what lasts _____
“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way, they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”
1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV)

5. Find your sufficiency in _____
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

REMEMBER: God is with _____!