



“Be Content in God” 1Timothy 6:1-10

People who love God with all their heart are always content regardless of circumstances because they always have what they most want and that is God. Signs of discontentment would be the opposite of 1Cor13:4-8.

“He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only.”—C.S. Lewis

What Is True About Contentment?

- 1) Your contentment is not predicated on your circumstances. Vv1-2

Elisabeth Elliot – “The secret is Christ in me, not me in a different set of circumstances.”

- 2) Healthy doctrine produces a life of contentment. Vv3-5

How a person mentally evaluates the events in their life determines how they will feel and how they will behave in response to those events. –Larry Crabb

- 3) Contentment protects us against the snare of covetousness. Vv9-10; vv17-19

How to be Content in God?

- 1) Live for True Wealth. V6; Luke 12:13-21; Phil4:11-13

Jonathon Edwards (1700's)

Three reasons any Christian should be completely content:

First, your bad things will turn out for your good. Rom8:28

Second, your good things can never be taken from you.

Rom8:29-32

Third, the best things are yet to come. Rom8:30 “Glorified”

Phil1:21

- 2) Hold all things loosely. V7; Job1:20-22; 2Cor5:21

- 3) Simplify your life. Vv8 & 18; Matt6:19-21

Growing Notes

- 1) What are your thoughts and feelings about the quotes in the intro? What would be the signs of discontentment (opposite of 1Cor13:4-8)? Why is discontentment so rampant in our American culture of freedom and prosperity?
- 2) Read 1 Timothy 6:1-10. What stands out to you from this text? What does it mean that contentment is not predicated on our circumstances (vv1-2)? We are not slaves in this Biblical sense (vv1-2) but we can become slaves to our circumstances. Explain.
- 3) Why do you think healthy doctrine produces a life of contentment (vv3-5)? How does contentment protect us from the snare of covetousness (vv9-10)?
- 4) Review the three points under How to be Content in God along with cross references. Which one(s) are strengths and which one(s) are growth areas for you? What are your next steps in becoming a more contented person in Christ Jesus? Pray.