

# God is More than Enough

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## Philippians 4 & Other Passages

(Some material from Jim Berg's "Quieting a Noisy Soul")

**Intro:** What would make you happy?

What do you think about the following statement? It is inconceivable to a **thoughtful** and **surrendered** Christian that he should ever lack anything for his present happiness.

Quote Phil. 4:13.

What is the context?

Christian life is one of learning.

Phil 4:8, 9 Learned, 11 learned, 12 learned, 13 context.

- What attitudes come natural to us?
- What attitudes do I need to learn?
- What are some of the hardest attitudes to learn?

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Contentment

A. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_.

- I Tim. 6:6 Prosperity gospel is not new but it is still wrong and not the gospel.
- Col. 3:5 Covetousness is a heart divided between two gods. So Paul calls it idolatry.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment
- 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment
- Thomas Watson – "The doctrine of contentment is very superlative (excellent, unmatched); and till we have learned this, we have not learned to be Christian."

B. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_. Phil 4:10-23

II The Heart of Contentment

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christian Contentment

"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." Thomas Watson

Simply put – "I am satisfied with things as they are because I know God and God is more than enough for me."

Songs that we sing:

What things are you not satisfied with?

B. The Distinction of Christian Contentment

- Not passive \_\_\_\_\_.
- Not passive \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Doctrinal Foundation of Christian Contentment

- God is more than enough – the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- When I pray, do I ask God for my will or His?
- It is inconceivable to a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Christian that he should ever lack anything for his present happiness. Ps 23:1
- Discontentment means we have abandoned a biblical view of God: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Discontentment means we have abandoned a biblical response to God: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Discontent is rooted in unbelief: God has not done enough for me; God Himself is not enough for me. I need something more.
- Phil 4:19

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Contentment – Heb. 13:5

Covetousness: Who God is does not satisfy me; what He has supplied does not satisfy me. I must have something more.

If God is not enough to satisfy you, then nothing He created will be enough for you.

- A. Covetousness Never Brings Satisfaction – Eccl. 5:11
- B. Covetousness Chokes Off Spiritual Life – Mark 4:1-20
- C. Covetousness Gives Rise to Many Other Sins – I Tim. 6:10, James 4:2
- D. Covetousness Lets You Down When You Need Help Most  
I Tim 6:7
- E. Covetousness Destroys the Soul – I Tim. 6:9

When we think that God is not enough we don't know God. A wrong view of God is in reality idolatry.

**Christian Liberty:**

**Conclusion:**

Do you know that you cannot do anything to make God love you \_\_\_\_\_ than He does right now? Do you know that you cannot do anything to make God love you \_\_\_\_\_ than He does right now? He loves you perfectly. When I \_\_\_\_\_ about God, it changes my life. I do not learn God watching TV.

## Christian Contentment is a Learned Response

Phil 4:9, "Do what you have **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **seen** in me," practice rejoicing, Phil 4:4, today.