

# BECOMING CONTENT

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**GOD DOESN'T WANT US TO BE THE SAME PERSON AT THE END OF 2026 THAT WE ARE TODAY.**

**YOU CAN'T HAVE LASTING JOY WITHOUT CONTENTMENT AND YOU CAN'T BE TRULY CONTENT WITHOUT JOY.**

**Philippians 4:10–20 (NLT)** (10) How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. (11) Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. (12) I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. (13) For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. (14) Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty. (15) As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. (16) Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. (17) I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness. (18) At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. (19) And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. (20) Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.

### 1) God desires that we \_\_\_\_\_ of contentment.

**Philippians 4:11–12 (NLT)** (11) Not that I was ever in need, for **I have learned how to be content** with whatever I have. (12) I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. **I have learned the secret** of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

**Hebrews 13:5 (NLT)** (5) Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."

**1 Timothy 6:6–8 (NLT)** (6) Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. (7) After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. (8) So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

**GOD WANTS US TO BE CONTENT REGARDLESS OF OUR CIRCUMSTANCES!**

**Philippians 4:12 (NLT)** (12) I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in **every situation**, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

**Proverbs 30:8b–9 (NLT)** (8) ..... Give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. (9) For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.

2) Christ \_\_\_\_\_ we need to be content in every circumstance.

**Philippians 4:13 (NLT)** (13) For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

**2 Corinthians 12:8–10 (NLT)** (8) Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. (9) Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. (10) That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**GOD OFTEN CHOOSES TO GIVE US HIS STRENGTH AT THE EXACT MOMENT WHEN WE NEED IT — NOT BEFORE WE NEED IT.**

3) \_\_\_\_\_ of how we are doing living with contentment and in the strength Christ provides.

**Philippians 4:19 (NLT)** (19) And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

**THE PHILIPPIANS WERE GENEROUS BECAUSE THEY WERE CONTENT. AND THEY WERE CONTENT BECAUSE THEY HAD LEARNED TO TRUST IN CHRIST’S STRENGTH.**

**2 Corinthians 8:2–3 (NLT)** (2) They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also **filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.** (3) For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.

**THE PHILIPPIANS GENEROSITY WASN’T A FINANCIAL DECISION. IT WAS A FAITH DECISION ROOTED IN THEIR JOY AND CONTENTMENT.**

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