

GODLYCONTENTMENT

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Kingdom Meaning

- Seeking the kingdom of God requires self denial, contentment, and focus. If we lack in these areas, then it will be hard to keep our eyes on God's will. *Matt. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*
- The Kingdom of God is not making money, being lifted up in the eyes of men, or earthly success. But it is the ultimate plan of God for His creation. To abide in the roles he created us in, for his good pleasure. *Phil. 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*
- Sure there are pleasures on earth we are allowed to enjoy, and God does reward us with good times, even in the midst of non ideal circumstances. The key is to remain focused so that the pursuit of pleasure doesn't interrupt our contentment. *1Tim. 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.*



Discontentment

- Our godly contentment is based on our ability to change what we want into what God wants for us. But in most cases, we are being preached to about how to make what we want, what God wants for us. *Psa. 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*
- Many prosperity preachers teach that the pursuit of things is God's will and what we don't have is a lack of faith and believing. But these are lies. And these lies interrupt our contentment and cause us to be unhappy and unfulfilled in this life. *Prov. 15:27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.*
- These feelings put a strain on our marriages, or bodies, and usually block us from fulfilling our true creation roles. This is because they are based on superficial, exterior things. When we make how much we have represent who we are, then we have stepped away from God's definition of us and conformed to the worlds idea of who we should be. *1Tim. 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many*



Godly Security

- When a person is secure in who they are and what God has called them to be, then the opinions of people do not dictate their future. When we get in a place of self denial we can be content, knowing that God's plan for us will never satisfy those that didn't follow it.
 - The negative opinions and pressure that is put on you when you are abiding in God, comes from people that could not do it themselves. They will constantly try to talk you out of your contentment because they themselves are not content.
- Examine the source and you will find that most folks that interrupt your contentment are jealous and don't even know it. They don't even know why they are so concerned with your progress. They can't even tell you why they are saying what they are saying because if they would look at their present situation, they would realize that they have NO example of success from their own advice. *John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*
 - And though they may have "things" they have failed at their creation role. Bad marriage, compromise, bad choices and decisions, bad children, bad health etc all point to mammon. They chased him and got him and missed out on the Kingdom! *Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

Summary

Creation roles are key in occupying until the Lord comes back. He told us to function in the world, but not conform to the world. We should never take on the world's definition of who we are and what matters in this life. The world chases the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. But we should occupy in our God-given creation roles first and foremost. That is the Kingdom of God. If God is the King, then He sets the order, rules and provide us with the right goals. And seeking His plan will add the rest to us. Be of good courage and do not allow the opinions of people, and the pursuit of things in this life to block your contentment and alter God's plan for you.

Luke 18:24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

Luke 18:25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Luke 18:26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?

Luke 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Luke 18:28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

Luke 18:29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

Luke 18:30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.