

GODLYCONTENTMENT2

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- Godly contentment is something you achieve when you get in a place of being satisfied with who you are, your creation role, and what you know to be the truth.
- Contentment starts with the defining of ones self based on God's definition and not man's. When you are in Christ you are a new creation, recreated with a brand new start and mindset. *Phil. 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*
- Finding satisfaction in the flesh is impossible without having a definition of yourself from your manufacturer. This is why true contentment cannot be achieved without operating like you were created to operate. *2Th. 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:*

Watch what you say

- Many times our past can hinder our present state of contentment. We are not satisfied with the paths we chose because in a lot of cases, our past sins and regrets have caused us to take turns in our lives that are still hinderances to our present state of contentment. *Phil. 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,*
- It's hard to feel content when you continuously reap the fruit of bad decisions. When we are in this place, we begin to complain and exhibit dissatisfaction in our lives. These words harm us as well because without positive reinforcement from our own attitude and thoughts, contentment cannot be reached. *Prov. 18:21 Death and life ARE in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*
- The key to finding contentment in any state is your personal words and outlook. If you don't see things getting better, then they won't. If you don't say things will get better, then they won't. Your life will always agree with what you are saying. *Heb. 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.* This doesn't mean that you can speak your way out of bad decisions, but it does mean that your attitude is subject to your confession and your contentment is contingent upon how you view things.



Keys to Godly Contentment

- **Who you are** - You are unique. There is no one like you. You were created by God for His good pleasure so if you can find what pleases Him, then you don't have to live trying to please others. You will be able to be pleased and please those that God desires for you to please if you line up with His plan and live in His good pleasure. *John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*
- **Creation Role** - If you have the body parts, then they are there to be used. God did not give you extras! But every part of your body is your creation role. Be a man, be a woman. Pray to be a wife/mother or husband/father! There is nothing wrong with this even though society has labeled these things burdens. Without fulfilling your creation role you will never find Godly contentment. *Gen. 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*
- **The Truth** - If a man doesn't know God, he cannot know himself. We must know the truth about who we are. What makes you content is apart of knowing who you are. And only God knows the ends and outs of us. We must depend on His plan for us to keep us content but if the plan you are following always leads to you striving for more, then it's probably not God's plan for you at all. There is a peace and rest in God's plan that will keep your selfish ambitions out of it. The true plan of God for your life will never cause you to fall. And your Godly Contentment is in this place. *Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people.

Summary - So many people base their contentment on superficial things. They base their happiness on the words of others. They base their contentment on lies and they never reach a content place in God. When you do not reach this place, you will constantly be defined by others and live your life to please people instead of God. This is a miserable existence. And not only you, but your family will suffer because of your discontentment. This is why God doesn't give certain things to certain people. Because he knows that they are asking for the wrong reasons and He would rather we find contentment in who He made us versus what He can give us.

Luke 12:20 But God said to him, You foolish one, tonight I will take your soul from you, and who then will be the owner of all the things which you have got together?

Luke 12:21 So that is what comes to the man who gets wealth for himself, and has not wealth in the eyes of God.

Luke 12:22 And he said to his disciples, For this reason I say to you, Take no thought for your life, about what food you will take, or for your body, how it may be clothed.

Luke 12:23 Is not life more than food, and the body than its clothing?