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True Contentment

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Philippians 4:10-14 (ESV)

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to

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Philippians 4:10-14 (ESV)

be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

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Philippians 1:3-5 (ESV)

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

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Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV)

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Hebrews 13:5-6(ESV)

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”⁶ So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

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I Timothy 6:6-7 (ESV)

But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

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II Corinthians 12:7-10(ESV)

a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in

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II Corinthians 12:7-10(ESV)

weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Philippians 4:11-12 (ESV)

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Contentment Killers

- **Idolatry**
- **Worry**
- **Envy**
- **Lack of Patience**
- **Doubt**

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You have no need to sow thistles and brambles; they come up naturally enough, because they are indigenous to earth. So you have no need to teach men to complain; they complain fast enough without any education. But the precious things of the earth must be cultivated. If we would have wheat, we must plough and

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sow; if we want flowers, there must be the garden, and all the gardener's care. Now, contentment is one of the flowers of heaven, and if we would have it, it must be cultivated. It will not grow in us by nature; it is the new nature alone that can produce it, and even then we must be especially careful and watchful

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that we maintain and cultivate the grace that
God has sown in it.

-Charles Spurgeon

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Habakkuk 3:17-19(ESV)

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ God, the

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Habakkuk 3:17-19(ESV)

Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

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Philippians 3:8b-10a (ESV)

I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes

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Philippians 3:8b-10a (ESV)

from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection.

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