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JOSEPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
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PHILLIPIANS 4:10-13

A NEVER ENDING FEAST

The

SECRET

of

CONTENTMENT

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Luke 3:14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him (John The Baptist) , saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely; and **be content with your wages.**

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Hebrews 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.

1 John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

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Mark 7:21-23 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, **covetousness**, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.**

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Luke 12:15 And he said unto them,
Take heed, and **beware of**
covetousness: for a man's life
consisteth not in the abundance of
the things which he possesseth.

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1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived: neither** fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, **nor covetous,** nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God.**

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Ephesians 5:3-8 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or **covetousness**, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: **but rather giving of thanks.** For this ye know, that **no** whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man**, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the **kingdom of Christ and of God.** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for **because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.** Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:**

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Colossians 3:5-7 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and **covetousness**, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

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THE “WHY” BEHIND THE “WHAT”

Hebrews 13:5-6 *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. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

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Merriam-Webster Dictionary Full Definition of **CONTENTMENT**

- **con·tent·ment**
- *noun* \kən-'tent-mənt\ : the state of being happy and satisfied : the state of being content
- 1: the quality or state of being contented
- 2: something that contents

Content

- pleased and satisfied : not needing more

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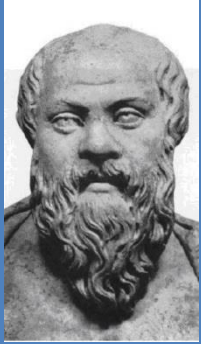
“Content”

in Hebrews 13:5 → Strong's Greek Dictionary 714.

αρκεω **arkeo** *ar-keh'-o* apparently a primary verb (but probably akin to 142 **through the idea of raising a barrier**); properly, **to ward off**, i.e. (by implication) to avail (figuratively, be satisfactory):—be **content**, **be enough**, **suffice**, **be sufficient**.

[Mt 25:9; Lu 3:14; Joh 6:7; Joh 14:8; 2Co 12:9; 1Ti 6:8; Heb 13:5; 3Jo 1:10]

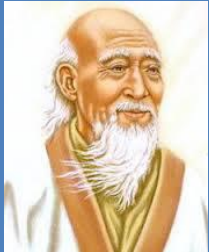
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“He is richest who is content with the least, for content is the wealth of nature”

Socrates

Greek (Athenian) Philosopher 470-399 B.C.



“Contentment is the greatest treasure.”

“To know when you have enough is to be rich.”

Lao-tzu Chinese Philosopher; reputed to have begun Taoism; 6th century B.C.

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"He is well paid that is well satisfied."

William Shakespeare

(1564–1616), British dramatist, poet. Portia, in *The Merchant of Venice*, act 4, sc. 1, l. 415.



"He who wants little will always have enough."

Johann Georg Zimmermann (December 8, 1728 – October 7, 1795)

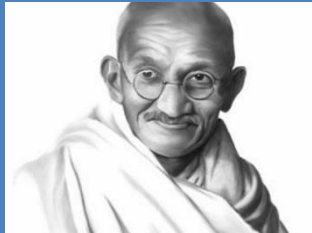
Swiss philosophical writer, naturalist, and physician.

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“When you are discontent, you always want more, more, more. Your desire can never be satisfied. But when you practice contentment, you can say to yourself, 'Oh yes - I already have everything that I really need.'”

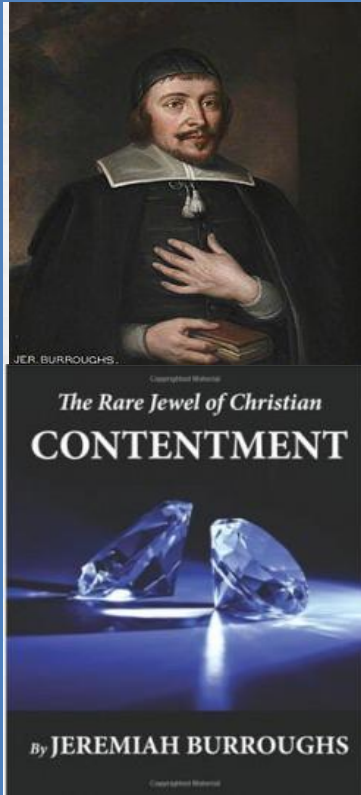
Dalai Lama XIV



Man falls from the pursuit of the ideal of plain living and high thinking the moment he wants to multiply his daily wants. Man's happiness really lies in contentment.

Mahatma Gandhi (2 October 1869 – 30 January 1948) was the preeminent leader of Indian nationalism in British-ruled India

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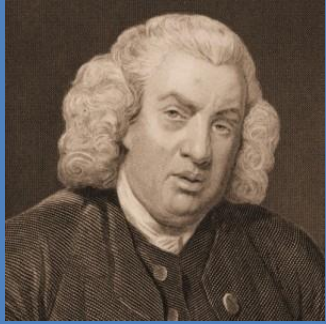
“Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition”

“To be well skilled in the mystery of Christian contentment is the duty, glory and excellence of the Christian.”

Jeremiah Burroughs

The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment

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“Of all that have tried the selfish experiment, let one come forth and say he has succeeded. He that has made gold his idol, has it satisfied him? He that has toiled in the field of ambition, has he been repaid? He that has ransacked every theater of sensual enjoyment, is he content? Can any answer in the affirmative? Not one!”

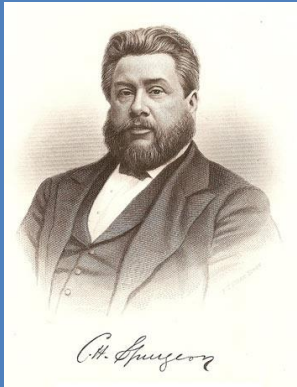
“The fountain of contentment must spring up in the mind, and they who have so little knowledge of human nature as to seek happiness by changing anything but their own disposition, will waste their lives in fruitless efforts and multiply the grief they propose to remove.”

Samuel Johnson

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“You say, ‘If I had a little more, I should be very satisfied.’ You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled.”



“The Christian is the most contented man in the world, but he is the least contented with the world. He is like a traveler in an inn, perfectly satisfied with the inn and its accommodation, considering it as an inn, but putting quite out of all consideration the idea of making it his home.”

C.H. Spurgeon

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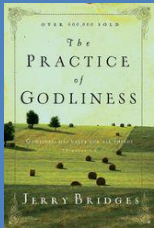


“Contentment, then, is the product of a heart resting in God. It is the soul’s enjoyment of that peace that passes all understanding. It is the outcome of my will being brought into subjection to the Divine will. It is the blessed assurance that God does all things well, and is, even now, making all things work together for my ultimate good.”

A.W. Pink

Comfort for Christians, Baker, 1989, p. 85-86.

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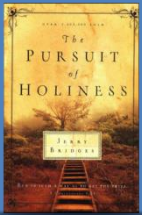


“Contentment is one of the most distinguishing traits of the godly person, because a godly person has his **heart focused on God** rather than on possessions or position or power.”



“The very first temptation in the history of mankind was the temptation to be discontent...that is exactly what discontent(ment) is – *a questioning of the goodness of God.*”

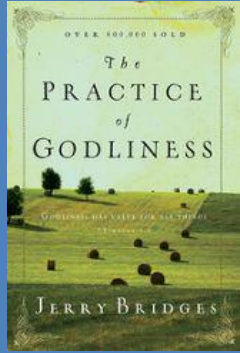
Jerry Bridges The Practice of Godliness, NavPress, 1996, p. 85-86.



The cure for the sin of envy and jealousy is **to find our contentment in God.**

Jerry Bridges The Pursuit of Holiness © 1996, p. 120.

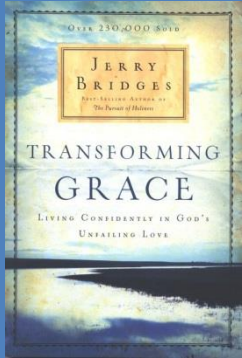
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This is the secret of being content: to learn and accept that we live daily by God's unmerited favor given through Christ, and that we can respond to any and every situation by His divine enablement through the Holy Spirit.

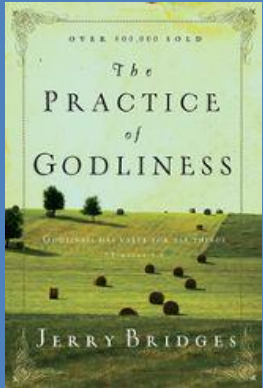
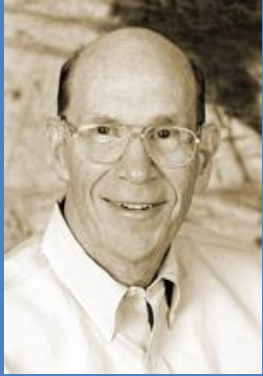
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Gratitude is a handmaiden of contentment. An ever-growing attitude of gratitude will certainly make us more content since we will be focusing more on what we do have, both spiritually and materially, than on what we do not have. But contentment is more than focusing on what we have. It is focusing on the fact that all we do have; we have by the grace of God. We do not deserve anything we have, materially or spiritually. It is all by His grace.



Jerry Bridges Transforming Grace, NavPress, 1991, p. 199.

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The **contented** person experiences the sufficiency of God's *provision* for his needs and the sufficiency of God's *grace* for his circumstances. He believes God will indeed meet all his material needs and that He will work in all his circumstances for his good. That is why Paul could say, "Godliness with contentment is great gain." The godly person has found what the greedy or envious or discontented person always searches for but never finds. He has found satisfaction and rest in his soul."

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1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which* is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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“O What a happy soul am I!
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be;
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't!
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot, and I won't.”

Fanny Crosby

(March 24, 1820 – February 12, 1915), American mission worker, poet, lyricist, and composer

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Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught
me to say,
It is well, it is well,
with my soul.



Horatio Spafford

(October 20, 1828, Troy, New York – October 16, 1888, Jerusalem) a prominent American lawyer and friend of Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey)



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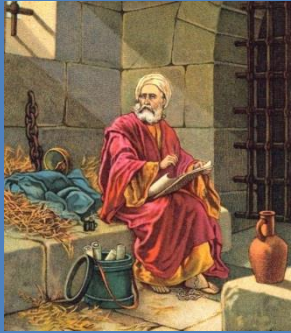
When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-bellows, roll, -
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to know
It is well, it is well with my soul -

Though Satan should buffet, - though trials should come, -
Let this blest assurance control, -
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul -

My sin - oh the bliss of this glorious thought, -
My sin, - not in part, but the whole, -
Is nailed to the cross, and I hear it no more, -
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul -

And lead, O lead, the way when the faith shall be sight, -
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, -
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, -
- a King in the night, oh my soul!
Toe! How watch, at the waking my soul

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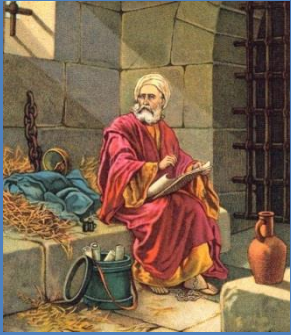


Philippians 1:12-14 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that

my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*; And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Paul (Saul of Tarsus)
Disciple of Jesus Christ

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Philippians 4:10-12 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. **Not that I**

speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

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2 Samuel 9:1-5 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? And *there was* of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, *Art* thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant *is he*. And the king said, *Is* there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, *which is* lame on *his* feet. And the king said unto him, Where *is* he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he *is* in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar. Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.

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2 Samuel 9:6-10 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. And he bowed himself, and said, **What *is* thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I *am*?** Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

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2 Samuel 16:1-4 And when David was a little past the top of *the hill*, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *be* for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink. And the king said, And where *is* thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, **To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.** Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine *are* all that *pertained* unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech thee *that* I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

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2 Samuel 19:24-26 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *again* in peace. And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth? And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant *is* lame.

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2 Samuel 19:27-30 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king *is* as an angel of God: **do therefore *what is good in thine eyes***. For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. **What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?** And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land. And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

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1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

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Matthew 6:25-27 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. **Are ye not much better than they?** Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

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Matthew 6:28-30 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, ***shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?***

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Matthew 6:31-32 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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1 Timothy 6:7 For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.

1 Timothy 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: *this is* also vanity.

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Some Reasons You Might Get Discouraged And Not Be Content In Life:

- A. You forget that you belong to God and that He has promised to work all things for your good.
- B. You lose sight of the goal (some don't even know the goal)
- C. You forget that God has promised to test your faith.
- D. You may have a covetous heart
- E. You forget that you are to live as a servant of God and others, not of yourself

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Ecclesiastes 2:24-26 *There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.* For who can eat, or who else can hasten *hereunto*, more than I? For God giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

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Ecclesiastes 3:12-14 I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life. **And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it *is* the gift of God.** I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him.

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Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 Behold *that* which I have seen: *it is good and comely for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun **all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.** Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him **power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.** For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

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Ecclesiastes 6:1-2 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men: **A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease.**

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Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; **so the eyes of man are never satisfied.**

Proverbs 30:15-16 The horseleach hath two daughters, *crying*, **Give, give**. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things* say not, ***It is enough***: The grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that* is not filled with water; **and the fire *that* saith not, *It is enough***

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Psalms 107:8-9 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! **For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.**

Psalms 145:15-16 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. **Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.**

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* **shall abide satisfied**; he shall not be visited with evil.

Proverbs 15:15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: **but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.**

Thank You

He Will Never
Leave You
Nor Forsake You!

Psalms 139:17 How
precious also are thy
thoughts unto me, O
God! how great is the
sum of them!

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