

# Be Content Where You Are

Today I want to talk to all of us Christian's.

We are in a time of crisis with the economy, with our health and our families. But we need to remember what the scriptures have to tell us what to do in these times.

One of the things is to be "CONTENT"

Where we are financially has nothing to do with God promises to us. We just need to be "CONTENT" with where we are right now in Him.

Phil 4:11-13 (KJV)

**11** Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. **12** 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. **13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Phil 4:11-13 (Message)

**11** Actually, I don't have a sense of needing anything personally. I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. **12** I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. **13** Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am.

If you are working at a job, Praise God be content

If you are unemployed, Praise God be content

If you work had a forced decrease in pay so you can keep a job, Praise God be content

Remember your help comes from the Lord God all mighty

Psalms 121:1-2 (KJV)

**1** I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. **2** My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

Matthew Henry's Commentary states:

This psalm teaches us,

I. To stay ourselves upon God as a God of power and a God all-sufficient for us.

II. To comfort ourselves in God when our difficulties and dangers are greatest. It is here promised that if we put our trust in God, and keep in the way of our duty, we shall be safe under his protection,

God will sustain you and keep you during these times, if we just keep doing what he has commanded us to do. Then we will be safe and under His protection.

Timothy puts it this way:

1Tim 6:6-8 (KJV)

**6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

1Tim 6:6-8 (Message)

**6** A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God. **7** Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, **8** if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough.

Without God we can do nothing, we have nothing. So let us be "CONTENT". God will supply your needs.

Here is His promise to us:

Heb 13:5 (KJV)

**5** .... be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Heb 13:5 (Message)

**5** Don't be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,"

With knowing this we can relax, we can be content, we can be joyful. Because our Father which is in heaven has promised us he will not let us down and will never walk away from us.

It is only us who can walk away from God when we do not let God take care of us.

We are left with a commission to do the will of that Father and that commission is to see people won into the kingdom of heaven.

By trusting in Him gives us the ability and freedom to do that work. Without fear for our lively hood.

The sustaining needs of our life.

Matthew 6: 25-32 (KJV)

25 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? 26 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? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 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? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 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.

Matthew 6: 25-32 (Message)

25 "If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. 26 Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds. 27 "Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? 28 All this time and money wasted on fashion - do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, 29 but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. 30 "If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers - most of which are never even seen - don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? 31 What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. 32 People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. 33 Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. 34 "Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

So Let us cease the monment and do the will of the father for He has and will take care of your needs. Whether it be in WANT or in ABUNDANCE. He is watching over you and me. Making provisions for you. As you do the Father will.

Seek the Father  
Seek His righteousness  
Your needs will be met