

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



Possessions and perceived happiness tempt us away from contentment. If you obey God, because you believe you have to obey, it becomes distasteful. None of us will do what we don't like if we can stop. *"Delight (enjoy) thyself in the Lord and He will give thee the DESIRES of thine heart."* If we desire to sin, we are not DELIGHTING in the Lord. You'll not do anything for someone unloved, but you look for ways to please a loved one without complaint, because their pleasure contents you. If you don't love God, you'll not be content with what God has given you. The world's wealth is not enough to satisfy the covetous! The *"earth is the Lord's in the fullness thereof, and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."* Father knows our need before we ask! I may WANT, because of covetousness, but I don't NEED. Many think they could do so much good with a million dollars, but what are they doing with what they have, now? Contentment knows Father owns it all, and it is mine if I need it! I know I have everything I need to serve my Creator, because *"no GOOD thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."* I simply need to "go ask, Dad." If I need it and am obedient, He will give it. The reason you don't get what you ask for, many times, is because you *"ask amiss, that you may consume it upon your lusts (sinful desires)."* Do you reward disobedience with ice cream? "But, I asked it for someone else!" Maybe they also are disobedient or don't need it. The obedient receive just what's needed. I can't know God's plans for others. We pray for the healing of loved ones, and the sickness lingers, or perhaps even death visits. We become angry and bitter and forget *"ALL THINGS work together FOR good to them that love God!"* Death is victory for the child of God; the portal to eternal bliss! Why would I ever wish someone removed from Heaven even for a moment? If I'm content, then I'm the richest person alive, because I need nothing! The best part is; the believer can still look forward to Heaven! *"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."* You don't NEED tomorrow's NEEDS today.

Contentedness belies the pure,  
Because of Truth they've been assured,  
For ev'ry day their needs are met,  
And they've not lacked for aught as yet. ~CGP

God will supply today's needs today. When tomorrow is today, He will supply today's needs. If I worry about tomorrow, I'm not trusting God for today. Trust God for today for He may return tonight! *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come...and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.'" Are you watching contentedly?*

*"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts (sinful desires), which drown men in destruction and perdition (eternal damnation). 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 sorrows." 1 Timothy 6:7-10 KJV*