

FINDING CONTENTMENT

1 Timothy 6:6-7

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

Everywhere we turn, or so it seems, the world promises us contentment and happiness. We are bombarded by messages offering us the "good life" if only we will purchase products and services that are designed to provide happiness, success, and contentment. But the contentment that the world offers is fleeting and incomplete. Thankfully, the contentment that God offers is all encompassing and everlasting.

Happiness depends less upon our circumstances than upon our thoughts. When we turn our thoughts to God, to His gifts, and to His glorious creation, we experience the joy that God intends for His children. But, when we focus on the negative aspects of life--or when we disobey God's commandments--we cause ourselves needless suffering.

The opposite of contentment is covetousness. Covetousness is the desire to want what one does not have. It may include money, possessions, popularity, romantic relationships, and prestige. To covet is to focus on one's circumstances, and primarily on what one does not have.

Do you sincerely want to be a contented Christian? Then set your mind and your heart upon God's love and His grace. Walk with Him according to His Word and enjoy contentment, the spiritual abundance and joy that God offers His children.