

Contentment

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
(Psalm 37:5) (ESV)

Living Outside of God's Provision

1 Corinthians 7:17 – Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. (ESV)

Hebrews 13:5 – Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Proper Perspective

Phillipians 4:11-12 – (11) Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. (12) I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. (NASB)

1 Timothy 6:6-10 – (6) Now 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 clothing, with these we shall be content. (9) But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. (10) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 - (17) Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. (18) Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, (19) storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Ecclesiastes 4:6 – Better a handful with quietness Than both hands full, together with toil and grasping for the wind.”

Proverbs 17:1 - Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife.

Enjoy What God has Given

Ecclesiastes 3:10-13 – (10) I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. (11) He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. (12) I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, (13) and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor--it is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:18 – Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage.

What Makes One Rich?

Stability

Proverbs 19:23 - The fear of the Lord leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

Ease

Proverbs 23:4 - Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. (ESV)

Marriage

Proverbs 19:14 - Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the Lord.

Children

Proverbs 17:6 - Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.

(NKJV used unless otherwise noted)

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