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Philippians 4:10-13

The Art of Divine Contentment

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I. Definition of Contentment

Contentment is a “Sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit”

~**Jeremiah Burroughs,**
“**The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment**”

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II Corinthians 6:10 -

Sorrowful yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, yet possessing everything.

II. Circumstances in Which We May be Content

II Cor. 11:23-28 -

Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, ...

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danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

III. Power to be Content in All Circumstances

II Cor. 9:8 -

God is able to make all grace abound to us, so that in all things we will have full contentment.

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II Timothy 4:14-17 -

Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me.

III. Power to be Content in All Circumstances

II Cor. 12:7-10 -

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me,...

III. Power to be Content in All Circumstances

II Cor. 12:7-10 -

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

III. Power to be Content in All Circumstances

I Cor. 15:10 -

By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me.

IV. Pursuit of Contentment in All Circumstances

II Tim. 2:1 -

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

“Is there no rescue? Must it be thus to the end- constant conflict and, instead of victory, too often defeat? How can I preach with sincerity that to those who receive Jesus, ‘to them He gave the power to become sons of God,’ when it is not my own experience?” He wrote, “I felt assured that there was in Christ all I needed, but the practical question was how to get it out.”

~Hudson Taylor

IV. Pursuit of Contentment in All Circumstances

John 15:1-11 -

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love...these things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you and your joy may be full.

“As I thought of the vine and the branches, what light the blessed Spirit poured into my soul! How great seemed my mistake in having wished to get the sap, the fulness out of Him. I saw not only that Jesus would never leave me, but that I was a member of His body, of His flesh and bones. The vine now I see, is not the root merely, but all...ten thousand times more than we have ever dreamed, wished for, or needed. Oh the joy of seeing this truth!...

Christ dwelling in the heart by faith is power indeed, is life indeed. And Christ and sin will not dwell together; nor can we have His presence with love of the world, or concern about ‘many things.’”

~Hudson Taylor

IV. Pursuit of Contentment in All Circumstances

“Contentment is a sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit which flows out of our inner sufficiency and satisfaction in Christ as we abide in Him.”

“Many, many thanks for your loving sympathy in my bereavement- I cannot properly say loss. I feel it an inexpressible gain. She is not lost. She does not love me less now, nor do I love her less, or less rejoice in her. And I do from day to day and every day so delight in the love of Jesus, satisfy my thirsty heart when most desolate from His fullness, feed and rest in green pastures...Never does He leave me...

“Ah! My dear brother, what a wonderful expression is that, ‘In Christ Jesus.’ And what a wonderful fact is our being in Christ Jesus and He is us...so all-sufficient. It is like playing in the shallows of a boundless ocean— Oh the unsearchable riches of His fullness! And all is ours— for He is ours and we are His.”

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IV. Pursuit of Contentment in All Circumstances

I Corinthians 3:21-23 -

All things are yours...and you are Christ's, and
Christ is God's.

John 1:16 -

Of His fullness we have received grace upon
grace.