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God's Word For Today

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Hebrews 13:5

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Hebrews 13:5 KJV *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have*; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

The word **Content** appears 10 times in the Old Testament and 6 time in the New Testament. One of the synonyms for **Content** is Satisfied. Satisfied appears 43 times in our Bibles. Together **Content** and **Satisfied** appear 59 times in God's Word. It would appear to me, that God makes a pretty good case for us to be **Content** or **Satisfied**.

God says, in our Text, that we should "be content with such things as ye have". Just think of how this might relieve some stress on all of us, if we were content with what things that we have. Each month there would be fewer bills to worry with. Our jobs would be more enjoyable, if we did not have to strive to get every penny we could from our employers. Our clothes closet would see less turn over. I have known of people who have thrown out brand new clothes, with the price labels still attached, just because they were not **Content** or **Satisfied**. There is a lot to be said about being content with what we have.

In the past, when I found myself looking for a better car, or a better house, it was generally when my mind was on other things but the will of God. I would say, that this might be the case for a great many people. Being content does make it a lot easier to keep your minds on the work that Jesus left us to do. What ever the Lord has called you to do, try doing it with what you have and if you need a new tool or object to help you to get your assignment done for the Lord, He will show you what to pray for.

Matthew 6:25-34 KJV *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.**

Philippians 4:10-13 KJV (10) But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. (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.

1 Timothy 6:5-10 KJV Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. **(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. (9) But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. (10) 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.

This Ought To Relieve All Of Us Of A Lot Of Stress