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This Is A Word For Your Day

Godliness + Contentment = Great Gain

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There is
Power!
In the Blood Of
Jesus

The word for today is **Contentment!** It and the shorter form, **Content**, is used about 11 times in our King James Version of the Bible. Seven (7) of these 11 appearances are found in the New Testament.

Another word that is close in meaning is the word **Satisfied**. It is found 43 times in our Bibles, and is only found in the Old Testament.

All 3 of these words mean close to the same thing: Comfortable, — free from anxiety, and pleased.

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* **to be godliness with contentment is great gain.**

Hebrews 13:5 *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.

1 Timothy 6:5-8

5 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.

Several years ago I knew of a man and his wife, that every single time I saw him, and I knew him for about 25 years, but every time I saw him, whether it was a good time or it was a bad time, yet my friend had a smile on his face. It was always a blessing to have him as a friend. He and his wife, lived in rented places, many of which were very small and inadequate. They often had very little money and wore older clothes, which were bought at second-hand clothing shops. These people never gossiped or told things on other people, these people, who were my friends, were a living example of our word today, **Contentment!**

Both he and his wife seemed to be always together and always were either praying to, or praising our God. What a testimony! He has gone on to be with Jesus, and I would suppose that his wife has too! They would visit every single church in our area and knew when each one had a special function going on. They never had much money to spend on entertainment, so these special church functions, were their way of getting out and meeting people. I must add, that I was their Pastor for several years and they never once caused me a problem. They were the cream of the crop to me.

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NOW! The key to their successful life was that (1) **they really loved God** and (2) **they were content with what God had provided** for them.

Notice that God called what they had a “Great Gain”. These two were probably the richest of all the people who knew and loved them!

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I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. 3 John 4 KJV