

Oasis Sunday School Class

THE VIRTUE OF CONTENTMENT Chapter 4

2 PETER 1:5 AND BESIDE THIS, GIVING ALL DILIGENCE, ADD TO YOUR FAITH VIRTUE.

THE WORD VIRTUE MEANS _____ EXCELLENCE.

EPHESIANS 2:8 FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD

PHIL. 4:1-13 NOT THAT I SPEAK FROM WANT, FOR I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT IN WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES I AM. 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. I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

DEFINITION OF CONTENTMENT: A DEEP SATISFACTION WITH THE _____ OF GOD

JAMES 1:2 CONSIDER IT ALL JOY, MY BRETHREN, WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER VARIOUS TRIALS, KNOWING THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES ENDURANCE. AND LET ENDURANCE HAVE ITS PERFECT RESULT, SO THAT YOU MAY BE PERFECT, COMPLETE, LACKING IN NOTHING.

TRIALS:

- ARE A PART OF _____
- THEY HAVE A PURPOSE- TO _____ US
- BECAUSE OF THEIR GLORIOUS PURPOSE WE ARE TO COUNT TRIALS AS A _____
- WE ARE NOT JOYFUL FOR THE _____ BUT FOR THE RESULT THEY BRING.

THE SOURCE OF CONTENTMENT:

- AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH THE STRENGTH OF _____
- NEVER BY OUR _____ STRENGTH
- CONTENTMENT IS SOMETHING TO BE _____

2 COR. 11:23-27 ARE THEY MINISTERS OF CHRIST—I SPEAK AS IF INSANE—I MORE SO IN FAR MORE LABORS, IN FAR MORE IMPRISONMENTS, BEATEN TIMES WITHOUT NUMBER, OFTEN IN DANGER OF DEATH, FIVE TIMES I RECEIVED FROM THE JEWS THIRTY-NINE LASHES, THREE TIMES I WAS BEATEN WITH RODS, ONCE I WAS STONED, THREE TIMES I WAS SHIPWRECKED, A NIGHT AND A DAY I HAVE SPENT IN THE DEEP. I HAVE BEEN ON FREQUENT JOURNEYS, IN DANGERS FROM RIVERS, DANGERS FROM ROBBERS, DANGERS FROM MY COUNTRYMEN, DANGERS FROM THE GENTILES, DANGERS IN THE CITY, DANGERS IN THE WILDERNESS, DANGERS ON THE SEA, DANGERS AMONG FALSE BRETHREN; I HAVE BEEN IN LABOR AND HARDSHIP, THROUGH MANY SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, IN HUNGER AND THIRST, OFTEN WITHOUT FOOD, IN COLD AND EXPOSURE

ACTS 16:25 BUT ABOUT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE PRAYING AND SINGING HYMNS OF PRAISE TO GOD, AND THE PRISONERS WERE LISTENING TO THEM.

V. 26 AND SUDDENLY THERE CAME A GREAT EQ SO THAT THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PRISON HOUSE WERE SHAKEN; AND IMMEDIATELY ALL THE DOORS WERE OPENED AND EVERYONE'S CHAINS WERE UNFASTENED.

SECRET TO CONTENTMENT:

- FOCUS ON _____ IN THE MIDST OF OUR TROUBLE
- WRONG FOCUS – FOCUS ON THE _____

ROMANS 8: 28 AND WE KNOW THAT GOD WORKS ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR OUR GOOD TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM DISCONTENT?

1. LISTEN TO YOUR _____
2. LISTEN TO YOUR _____

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."

LUKE 12:15 TAKE HEED AND BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS, FOR ONE'S LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST IN THE ABUNDANCE OF THINGS HE POSSESSES.

STEPS TO LEARNING CONTENTMENT:

1. DEVELOP AN ATTITUDE OF _____
2. BANISH _____ FROM YOUR LIFE
3. LEARN TO INTERPRET YOUR LIFE THROUGH _____
T OR F GOD ORDAINS ALL THINGS THAT COME TO PASS
T OR F GOD IS A WISE AND LOVING FATHER
T OR F GOD WILL USE ALL THINGS IN MY LIFE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR MY GOOD
4. _____ TO YOURSELF
5. _____ TO YOURSELF
6. BE _____
7. KEEP A CLEAR _____ BEFORE GOD

BOTTOM LINE OF THIS LESSON:

1. CONTENTMENT MAKES LIFE SWEET EVEN IN THE HARD TIME
2. CONTENTMENT PROTECTS US FROM OTHER SINS
3. CONTENTMENT GIVES US VICTORY OVER OUR FLESH
4. CONTENTMENT HELPS US BE CHEERFUL AND THANKFUL WHICH RESULTS IN REST IN CHRIST