

*"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. 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. I CAN DO ALL things THROUGH CHRIST which strengtheneth me." *Philippians 4:11-13 KJV**



Contentment is a state of mind which has absolutely nothing to do with the amount of possessions one may or may not have. For some, there is never enough. I believe it was J. P. Morgan who said that enough was, "just a little more." If you can't be content with what you have, then you'll never be content! Believers can be content if they stop to think; our Father is the Creator; we have no need that He is not aware of; and He has promised to supply every need "according to His riches" if we seek Him first in everything. We have not the worry of safeguarding a stockpile of money or possessions. Father has all that under control. He owns everything and He freely gives to His children when they ask for what they need. If we have food and clothing, what more do we really NEED? "Having food and raiment, therewith be content." If I am warm and fed today and I seek and trust God, all else is just a want. "And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 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? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and ALL THESE THINGS shall be added unto you." Starving millions around the world would be content with just food. If I'm fed and clothed, everything else is secondary. We work to obtain money to buy food, clothing, and shelter. To stress out about it, is to show a weakness of faith in Father's promise to provide our needs. Maybe you don't need it at all. Maybe it's just a desire or lust. David wrote, "I have been young and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." You want your family provided for? Seek righteousness! If I have God, what else do I really need?

We fret because we have no gain,  
Abundance only brings us pain,  
If daily, we, for need will plead,  
God will supply our ev'ry need. ~CGP

God said He would never leave us or forsake us. Why don't we trust Him? Why do we continually fret and stress out over things we cannot change? I'll tell you why. We let the demonic spectre of doubt dwell in our imagination, instead of casting it down as we are commanded to do. "Casting down imaginations...and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." We imagine all sorts of horrible consequences to our present circumstances and totally forget the power of Jehovah. There's more truth than we realize to the old saying, "Out of sight—Out of mind." Faith sees the unseen. Don't be a faithless Gehazi, and not see the angels with flaming swords that protect us at Father's bidding. Jesus said often, "According to your faith be it unto you." Do you really believe?

*"And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, 'Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!'" Mark 9:24 KJV*