

# CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

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# SCRIPTURE READING~ 2 COR 12:9-10

- 9 And He said unto me, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”
- Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-7

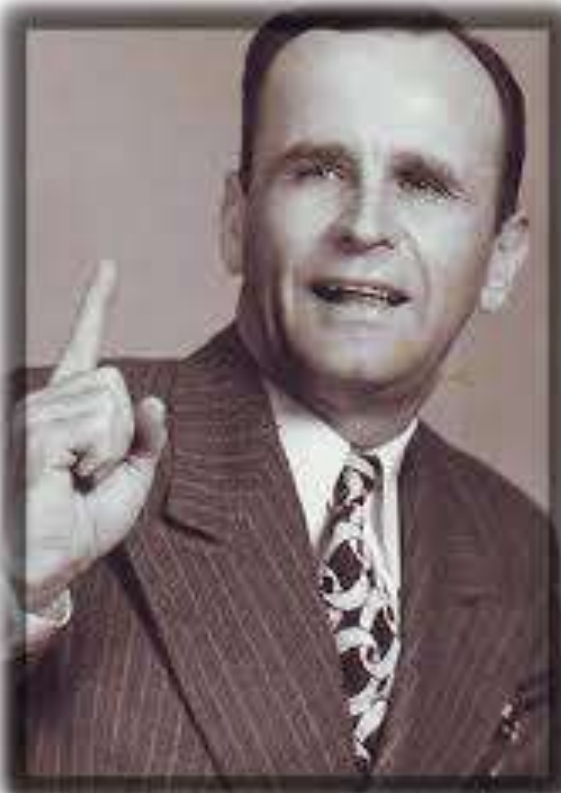
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WITH  
**C**ONTENTMENT  
IS GREAT GAIN.

FOR WE BROUGHT NOTHING  
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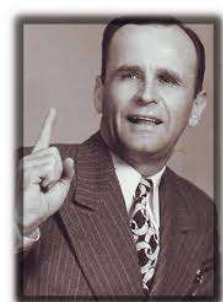
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# Real Happiness is in contentment

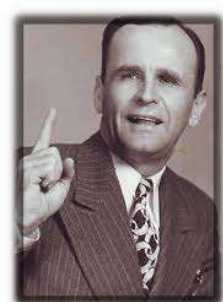


- 50-0200 HERE WE HAVE NO CONTINUING CITY
- **“Happiness does not consist of how much the world's goods you own, but how contented you are with the portion that's allotted to you. That's right. Remember that.”**



# I'D RATHER HAVE THAT

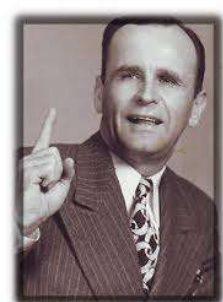
- (~William Marrion Branham, Be Certain Of God, 01-25-59)
- **"You might NOT have a pair of shoes on your feet. You might be dressed in rags, but something in your HEART singing the melodies of God. I'd rather have it than all the MONEY in the world."**



# SOUL IS MORE IMPORTANT

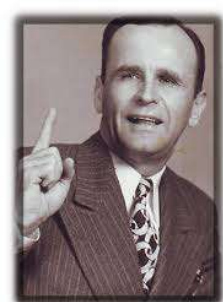
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- **“No matter how good of CLOTHES we wear, how much we have to EAT, that isn't what goes in the Presence of God. This BODY that we dwell in perishes regardless of how it's taken care of. But it's the SOUL that's in man; it's a condition of the spirit that moves into the Presence of the living God.**



# SPIRITUAL BLESSING


- (~William Marrion Branham, Be Certain Of God, 01-25-59)
- **“So you can't say that natural things is always the sign of God's blessing. David spoke that to the Lord, that he'd seen the wicked spread forth like a great bay tree. But God asked him, “Did you ever consider him at the end?”**



# BE SPIRITUAL

- (~William Marrion Branham, Be Certain Of God, 01-25-59)
- **What we NEED today is not a lot of material things; we have that. We don't need greater churches; we don't need greater congregations. We don't need more on radio and on television. We don't need so many more of these things. But what we need today to be SPIRITUAL, is a person that will humble themselves before God if they haven't got a PENNY, and will pray till that spirit within them is SATISFIED with the goodness of God, and a REVIVAL takes place on the inside of their heart that changes their attitudes and atmosphere that they live in." Amen!**





"Being happy does not mean  
you have it all..."

"It simply means being thankful to the  
Lord for what you have."

# 1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

- **17** Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;
- **18** That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;
- **19** Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

# The Secret of Contentment

- **PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13~**
- **<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.**
- **<sup>12</sup> 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.**
- **<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**

# TEMPTATION OF RICHES~

## 1 TIMOTHY 6:9-10

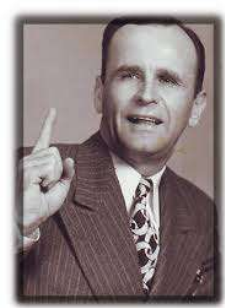
- **<sup>9</sup> But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.**
- **<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

# TAKE NO THOUGHT

- **Matthew 6: 31** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- <sup>32</sup> (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- <sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- <sup>34</sup> 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.

# HE WILL SUPPLY ALL OUR NEEDS

- Philippians 4:19 ~
- "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."



# You are in God's economy

- Rev. William Marrion Branham, Perfect Faith, 08-25-63
- **God, when I was an alien from Him, so loved me till He stooped down to get me and pick me up. That gives me confidence that He wants to use me. He's got a purpose in doing it. He seen something in me. He seen something in you. He had a reason to save you. Look at the people that's unsaved today. Look at the millions He could've took beside you, but He took you. Amen. No one can take your place. Amen. You're in God's economy. No one can do it. That's His love to you.**

# “Needs”, not “Wants”

- **GOD has NOT promised to give us all our “WANTS,” but He has promised to supply all our “NEEDS”.**



# KEYS TO CONTENTMENT

- **Never complain about anything – all things work together for good to them that love the Lord ~Romans 8:28 (**Be like Job**)**
- **Never picture yourself in another circumstance, outside of reality (**vain imaginations**)**
- **Never compare your fate with others**
- **Never dwell on tomorrow – tomorrow is not ours, it is God's**
- **The past is a cashed check. The future is a post-dated check. Today is cash-on-hand. Spend it wisely.**

# ENJOY YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

- **IN THE JOURNEY OF LIFE, YOU MUST FIND JOY ALONG THE WAY, NOT JUST IN YOUR FINAL DESTINATION**
- **ENJOY THE FRUIT OF YOUR LABOR TODAY, NOT TOMORROW, FOR LIFE IS UNCERTAIN**
- **DON'T SPEND BIGTIME JUST TO BE HAPPY**
- **ENJOY LIFE'S SIMPLE THINGS & BLESSINGS ~ THE SUNSHINE, THE BIRDS, THE FLOWERS, THE STARS, GOD'S NATURE**

# ENJOY YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

- **LIFE IS COMPOSED OF VALLEYS AND MOUNTAINS, LEARN TO ADJUST**
- **DON'T LET YOUR TRIALS HINDER YOU TO ENJOY LIFE**
- **LIFE IS A JOURNEY OF SHORT TERM GOALS**
- **DON'T FOCUS YOUR HAPPINESS ON BIG EVENTS ONLY**
- **DON'T OVERWORK, LEARN HOW TO PLAY AND UNWIND**

# Final Admonition – 1 Timothy 6:6-12

- **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.
- **11** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
- **12** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

# **SONG: Each Step Of The Way**

**I'm following Jesus,  
One step at a time;  
I live for the moment,  
In His love divine.  
Why think of  
tomorrow,  
Just live for today;  
I'm following Jesus,  
Each step of the way.**

**The pathway is narrow,  
But He leads me on;  
I walk in His shadow,  
My fears are all gone.  
My spirit grows  
stronger,  
Each moment, each day,  
For Jesus is leading,  
Each step of the way**