

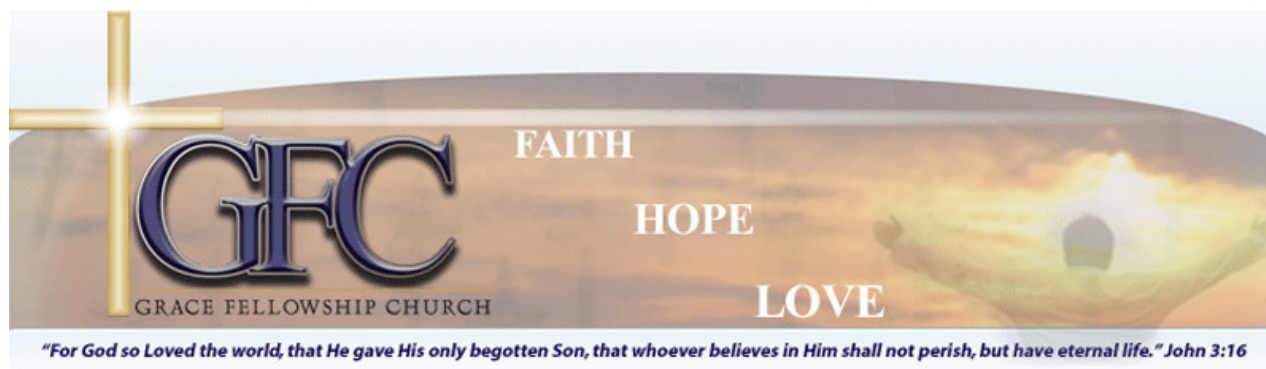
## The Glue, Contentment by Dick Dungan

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**The 1 minute Glue:** We should not need anything other than the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ to feel content. When we are content, we will be thankful. If you are not thankful then you should ask the Holy Spirit to put His finger on the areas of your life that stops you from being content. What is your contentment quotient?

Discontentment is one of the major things that stops up the wells of the Lord. Do we spend most of the time feeling like we don't have enough? Are we unpeaceful with our life in general? Ask God to put His finger on any area where we aren't content.

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Phil 4:6-23*

Often times *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* v13 is taken completely out of context and quoted as a means to propel ourselves to succeed when that is not at all what God through Paul was expressing when he said this. The western church in general is more focused on our needs being met. This verse means that we can be content in any situation because Jesus Christ gives us the strength to do it.

"If your godliness has freed you from the desire to be rich and has helped you be content with what you have then your godliness is tremendously profitable." ~John Piper, excerpt from A Minute of Margin

Are you not content because you are not able to be thankful? An ungrateful heart will never experience the fullness of life. How much do we need to be content? What is our contentment quotient? When you are enjoying the presence of God you do not need much.

We'll look different as a church when we learn how to be content. How much do we complain, in our hearts and out loud? Are we totally content with where we are?

Covetousness:

*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."*  
**Heb 13:5** It is better to be pleased with what we have than to want what we don't have.

\*Ask the Holy Spirit to put His finger on anything that stops us from being content.

Whatever behaviors we have that are driven by discontentment stop the fullness of God being manifest in our lives.

Pray with us, "God strip us from any satisfaction that this world has to offer. God convict us and release Your repentance. Have mercy on us Oh God. Teach us to be at peace with little and how to steward much."

"The need to satisfy fleshly selfish desires is never enough apart from the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." ~A Minute of Margin

Additional related scriptures:

*Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.* **1 Tim 6:6-8**

*"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." **Matt 6:25-34***

*The fear of the LORD leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.* **Prov 19:23**

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