

Finding Contentment

Proverbs 30:8-9 8 Give me neither poverty nor riches-- Feed me with the food allotted to me; 9 Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God.

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- 1. Contentment is not dependent on our circumstances.
 - 2. Prosperity doesn't have the power to give us contentment, nor poverty the power to take it away.
 - 3. Contentment is learned, so we need to be teachable.

Philippians 4:10-19 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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Matthew 6:20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal.

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Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Continuing the Discussion

 In what sense does giving money away profit the giver?

 Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?