

SWITCH PRIORITIES. BE CONTENT



So strong is our flesh that
contentment often eludes us.

Contentment is more than being able to live happily in your current circumstances. It is deeper and more exciting than that!

ATTITUDE (*Philippians 3:4-11*)

Whatever serves mainly to give me
“confidence in the flesh” is considered
irrelevant or **expendable** for the sake
of Christ.

If any of these are damaged/lost,
that **cannot prevent** me from
“gaining” Christ.

POINT None of these matter
as much as Christ matters to me!

GOAL (*Philippians 3:12-16*)

(vs. 12)

- To fulfill/accomplish **God's**
purpose for my life.

(vs. 13) • To accept that my past has **passed**, so that I can actually **appreciate** the present and **prepare** for the future.

(vs. 15)

- To pursue the state of “maturity” in **each circumstance**

POINT

Contentment does NOT mean lethargy, apathy, or absence of goals!

SECRET

(Philippians 4:4-13)

Rejoice in the **Lord** (v 4)

Let the **presence** of the Lord calm your emotions/expressions (5)

Speak to **God** about troubling/worrisome circumstances (6)

Beyond continually asking for peace...
receive it! (7)

Replace fear or anger with thoughts that actually contemplate **positive realities!** (vs. 8)

When sad/troubled/afraid because you do not have something you “need,” **transform** that **trouble** by saying “In God’s strength I can do _____.”

“**do**” translates ischuo that is translated in other places by these powerful words.

- ✓ endure
- ✓ accept
- ✓ triumph over
- ✓ overpower
- ✓ prevail
- ✓ be effective

God's inner spiritual strength is given to surpass the most dire difficulty. As I tap into it, I become content.

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

(11 Cor. 12:9)