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THE STORM OF DISCONTENT

One of the storms we face in life is the storm of discontent. It often seems that we are never satisfied. The Poet put it this way.

As a rule, man's a fool.

When it's hot, he wants it cool.

And when it's cool, he wants it hot.

Always wanting what is not..

I remember when I was a young boy and in the summer time the ice cream truck would drive by our house. You could hear the music playing when he was several blocks away, giving you the signal to run in the house and ask mom for some money for a popsicle (6 cents!) so you could buy one when he came by the house. Well, I read one time about a man who said, "I hate the ice cream man. He takes a nice content moment and turns it into cravings for something my children don't need and can't afford and turns contentment into discontentment."

When you think about it, there are an awful lot of ice cream trucks out there. They don't all go around with music coming out of their speakers, but they can make us feel discontent no matter what we have. You know, "For Sale" signs in front of houses we can't quite afford. Advertisements for cars that are nicer and newer than the one we are driving. Going to people's homes where they have nicer furniture than ours. You see, no matter how much we accumulate it seems we never have enough. The more we have, the more we want. More often than not, we come to the end of every endeavor and acquisition vaguely discontented and unhappy.

In the Bible, we find a letter written by the Apostle Paul. He wrote it to the church in Philippi. A church that had a very special place in his heart. It has been called his love letter to the congregation there. Here is what he wrote in Philippians 4:11-13,

"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: everywhere 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 who strengtheneth me." This letter was written so he could thank the brethren in Philippi. They had sent an offering to Paul, but he wanted to do more than just thank them for their gift. He wanted to tell them something of his philosophy of life. He also wanted them to know how it had come about.

Think of the man who penned those words. This is not some young man stepping into a new career. It is not someone with a 7 figure income. It is not a man who has worked and accumulated wealth. This is a 60 plus year old Jew chained to a Roman guard. He is under house arrest. He does not know what tomorrow might bring. He might be killed, brought to court or set free. Yet, though he is without the comforts of home and the privileges of privacy, he is happy. Though he doesn't have a clue about his future, he is content. Paul was a great man before he became a Christian. He possessed many rich gifts of personality. He brought those gifts into the service of Christ.

He shares with them and states the secret of his
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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 -Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Will You Also Go Away?

For The Pantry. . .

September 13 – Kool-Aid Jammers or Sunny D (Small Bottles)



**September 6, 2026
\$ 3,379.00**

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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happiness. He has learned to be contented in whatever state he might be in. Consider some of his experiences after he met Christ. In II Corinthians 12 we read of his thorn in the flesh. We also read in II Corinthians 11 that 5 times he was given a beating of 39 stripes, he was beaten with rods 3 times, he was stoned and he suffered shipwreck. Paul's life was forever changed when he met Jesus. For Paul to claim contentment is a remarkable claim. The secret of his contentment transforms every obstacle. For Paul it made no difference what came into his life, he never lost his serenity.

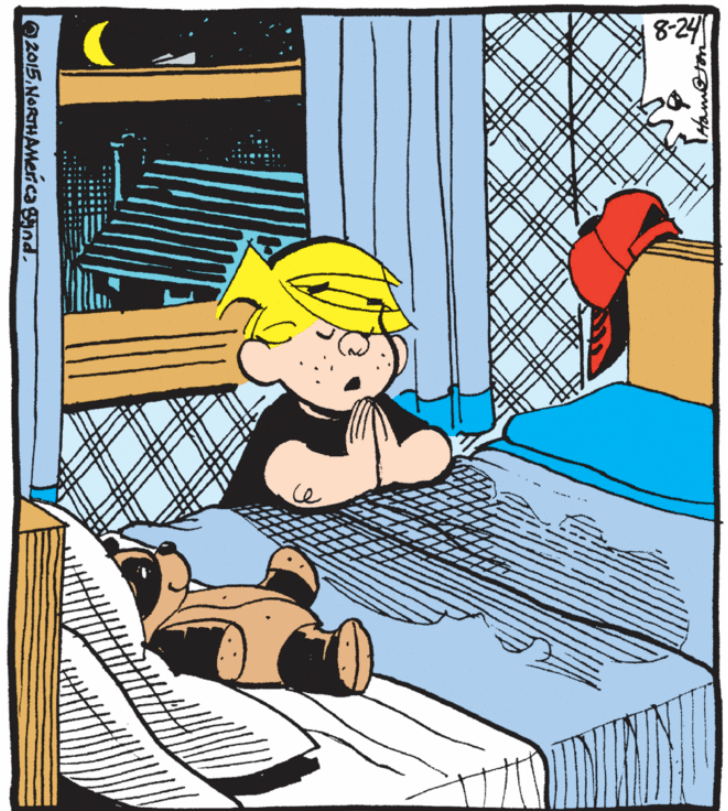
Paul's contentment did not involve being merely possessive nor being a fatalist. He did not sit idly by when the cause of Christ was at stake. He did not become satisfied with himself nor did he become simply resigned to his fate. He had learned to live in prosperity. That is what he means by abounding. However, he had also learned to live humbly. That is the primary meaning of the word abased. Phillips translation of this passage reads this way, "he has learned the secret of eating well or going hungry, of facing either plenty or poverty." He has learned the secret of going without his

youth. He knew how to grow old gracefully. He had learned the secret of going without his health. He tells us of his thorn in the flesh. He had learned the secret of going without his freedom and how to live without the approval of men.

He did not learn the secret of contentment from seeking contentment as an end. Contentment is a by-product. It comes to an individual who gives himself or herself to a worthwhile cause. Those who are seeking higher values will sooner or later find contentment. Paul found contentment because he found religious certainty. Here is what he said in his final letter, a letter to young Timid Timothy, II Timothy 1:11, "*For the which cause I also suffer these things, nevertheless I am not ashamed. For I know whom I have believed and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*" Paul knew Jesus Christ and that was the secret of his contentment.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



"YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW EASY IT IS TO BE NAUGHTY DOWN HERE."



Today Is The Day We Have Looked Forward To!

September 13, 2026

Plan to stay and enjoy lunch and a time of Fellowship with us today!



Make your plans to join us on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 when we will meet at 6:00 for our fellowship meal and followed by singing at 7:00 p.m.

If you don't want to come and share the meal, PLEASE plan to come and join us for the singing.

As for me
and my
house,
we will serve
the Lord.

Joshua 24:15



OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh,
Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden,
LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate,
Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) **Leslie Adams** (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Norma Cortez** (Manny Ortiz mother) **Coleen Dickerson** (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Pat & William Ford** (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) **Dot Grant** (Friend of Debra Pate) **Suzi Hogan** (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Doug "Goob" Milford** (cousin of Amanda Molloy) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **Max Windham** (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw,
Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Reserve these dates for important events
in the life of our Church for 2026

December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"
December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party

Communion Preparation - September
Larry & Melonia Molloy



Across The Preacher's Desk

As the story goes, a businessman was sitting at his desk. All around him were bills, letters and other evidence of the details of his business that he was totally absorbed in. The minister of the church entered, anxious to discuss the man's soul. The businessman said, "I'm sorry. You must excuse me brother, I am too busy to take time for that today."

Politely, the minister asked, "When shall I call on you again?" The businessman replied, "I really don't know. I have a lot to attend to." With a sad and heavy heart, the minister excused himself and the businessman returned to his paper work.

A few days later, a disagreeable stranger stepped into the businessman's office and laid a cold hand on his shoulder. "Come, you must go home with me" the visitor demanded. The businessman laid down his pen, closed his desk and left. He had no choice. A cold chill settled on him as images of so many things left unfinished flashed before his eyes. The name of his visitor was death.

We may think we are so busy we don't have time to obey the Lord and live His kind of life. However, we will someday not be too busy to die. Can you find time for Bible Study and Worship on the Lord's Day?

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
Will you?**