

# Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

## The Secret Of Contentment Part 2

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Last week we found that Paul teaches us **first**, that contentment is learned.

**Second**, contentment is not connected to possessions or circumstances (v.12) "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," Paul exclaimed. He knew life in both blessing and depravity. And so Paul tells us to remember that whether we are in good or bad circumstances or wealth, contentment can be ours because the secret lies in something other than what we do or do not possess.

Paul later said that "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. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced them-selves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:6-10).

**Last**, contentment is bred in hearts who appreciate what Christ has done and can do (v. 13). "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" is more than a great greeting card. It is a life choice. True contentment comes from living life understanding that everything pales in comparison to knowing Christ. Discontent often comes from feeling deprived, but when we understand what we deserve and compare it with what we have received in Jesus Christ, contentment will blossom!

Contentment is needed in every generation and in every person. So in these difficult economic times, learn contentment. And in these challenging processes of our facility improvement in a permanent structure for our class rooms, learn patience in these circumstances. For in all these things, God will be glorified.