

Fellowship Group Homework & Discussion

Getting Started

1. In what areas do you find it difficult to be content? Why do you think these areas are difficult for you?
2. What impacted you the most from last Sunday's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Chris mentioned four "warning sign" phrases that might indicate a lack of contentment in your life. Do any of these phrases resonate with you? In what circumstances do you find yourself mumbling them?
 - I want...
 - I need...
 - I wish...
 - How come...
4. What is the underlying heart attitude in discontentment? (Hint: It is displayed in Adam & Eve and the Wilderness Generation.)
5. In what ways could Satan capitalize on discontentment in your life?

6. Habakkuk is writing at a bad time in Israel's history. The nation is ungodly and they are about to face God's judgment at the hands of a foreign power. Even so, in what does Habakkuk anchor his soul? What is his conclusion in this horrible time?
Read Habakkuk 3:17-19.
7. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.**
 - What allowed Paul to be content in his circumstances?
 - How does this apply to any one area in your life?
8. There is great benefit in contentment. For each of the following verses, what benefits can you see?
 - **Hebrews 13:5**
 - **1 Timothy 6:6-10**
 - **2 Corinthians 4:17**
 - **Romans 8:28**
9. Why is a relationship with God essential to bring about contentment?
10. In question #1, you gave an area in which you struggle with contentment. How can the truths listed in this study lead you to contentment in this area?

11. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability. To help with that, discuss the following questions:

- Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?
- Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?
- Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?
- Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?
- Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?
- Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?
- Are you maintaining your Oikos list?
- Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?
- What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?



Passionate Partnership
Part 22 — Learning Contentment
Philippians 4:11-13
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I. The Warning Signs of Discontentment

II. The Core Issue of Discontentment

III. Truths About Contentment

A. Contentment is a Secret to be Learned

B. We Need Contentment in Lack

C. We Need Contentment in Plenty

D. Contentment is a Supernatural Work of God Flowing out of Our Relationship With Him.

IV. Moving Towards Contentment