



“The Nature of Biblical Contentment”

Joshua 15-19
PART 16

USEFUL TO THE LORD

INTRODUCTION

- our struggle with contentment

“The secret [to contentment] is Christ in me, not me in a different set of circumstances.”
– Elisabeth Elliot

Phil. 4:11

- Joshua’s charge: why not completely eradicate all Canaanites?

+ reason #1:

Deut. 7:21-23

+ reason #2:

Jdg. 1:21-34

- context & content of Josh. 15-19

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1. *Othniel: content to do God’s will* (15:13-17)

- who is this guy?

Lev. 18:14; Gen. 15:19; 1 Chr. 4:13, 15

- Caleb leads...Othniel leads

2. *Sons of Joseph: discontent with God’s will* (17:14-18)

- why complain when you have the biggest piece of pie?

- God’s best blessings don’t necessarily make life easy

APPLICATION

1. biblical contentment is not...

2. biblical contentment is...

“The Great Master Gardener, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in a wonderful providence, with His own hand, planted me here, where by His grace, in this part of the vineyard, I grow; and here I will abide till the Great Master of the vineyard think fit to transplant me.”
– Samuel Rutherford