

Contentment

*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
Hebrews 13:5*

We are bombarded daily in this culture with advertisements aimed at convincing us that we need more. We are amazed at a population saturated with abundance of things when they react to news media threats from would-be forecasters by clearing the store shelves to hoard even more. And none of us is immune to the temptation to wonder if perhaps some of these claims may be correct. But in the midst of a world in disarray, we have the comfort of our Lord reminding us that He is our sufficiency. No matter what unforeseen events may come upon us in this life, we can rest in the everlasting promise that our God is with us. Whether we lack wealth or health or more convenient conditions, the promise of never being forsaken by our heavenly Father can be our source of contentment. The apostle Paul reminded Timothy that godliness with contentment is great gain. And from a cold, dark Roman jail cell he was able to tell the Philippians that he was content whether abased or abounding, yet was thankful for the loving gift that they had sent his way. None of this is normal human reaction. It is learned from hiding in the Rock of our salvation and believing the promises of His presence with His own. Let this reminder establish, strengthen, and settle our hearts and souls. *He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (Romans 8:32)*