

SATISFACTION

Selected Scripture

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INTRODUCTION: SEARCHING FOR SATISFACTION

? What do you do when you become immune to the drugs you are taking to cope with life?

? What are people really looking for?

Isaiah 55:2, 3a

Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me.

Psalms 107:9; Proverbs 22:6; John 6:35

Proposition: God is the source for every good thing so that all who come to Him will be satisfied.

I. ALL CREATION IS SATISFIED BY WHAT GOD GIVES

Whether people acknowledge it or not, anything they use to make themselves happy comes from God.

Psalms 104:27-30

A. ANIMALS

B. THE EARTH

C. NATURAL MAN

Matthew 5:44-48

Romans 1:21

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Psalms 104:34b

As for me, I shall be glad in the Lord.

II. CHRIST FOLLOWERS ARE SATISFIED IN GOD HIMSELF

Psalms 17:14, 15

From men with Your hand, O Lord, From men of the world, whose portion is in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your treasure; They are satisfied with children, And leave their abundance to their babes. As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.

A. GOD NOT THE GIFT

Psalms 107:9

For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

B. LOVE

Psalms 33:4, 5

For the word of the Lord is upright, And all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord.

Matthew 5:44-48; 6:25-34

C. THANKSGIVING

Psalms 126

D. CONTENTMENT

As we mature in Christ, our attitude begins to change.

1. To Be Content Is To Stop Seeking What We Want Or Think We Need

We stop praying for what we want. We stop making demands of God. We stop striving in our own strength to get what we want. At this point, we gain peace and abandon angst.

2. To Be Content Is Rest In What God Gives

a. To appreciate what God gives that is necessary

i. both material needs

Hebrews 13:5, 6

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?"

1 Timothy 6:8, 9; Luke 3:14

ii. immaterial needs

2 Thessalonians 1:11, 12

To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:40; Matthew 5:6

b. To accept what seems bad as that which is best

2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

3. To Be Content Is Not To Settle For Meagre Provision

Matthew 7:11

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Luke 18:28-30

4. To Be Content Is To Expect All Good Things

Ephesians 3:19, 20

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Proverbs 30:7-10

5. To Be Content Is To Be Confident

Philippians 4:10-20

CONCLUSION: LET YOUR SATISFACTION BE ONLY AND FULLY IN CHRIST

John 14:8-10

Psalm 37:16

Better is the little of the righteous Than the abundance of many wicked.

APPLICATION:

Start consuming God's Word. (Ecclesiastes)

Pray like you've never prayed before for every little thing.
(requests and thanksgiving!)

Practice recognizing God as the provider for everything you have.

Practice wanting only what God gives and has already given.

Practice not getting what you want when you have the power to do get what you want.