

1 **BATTLE FOR CONTENTMENT**

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13;1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10

2 **Struggling With Discontentment**

- Sin nature struggles with satisfaction, sometimes the more we have the more we want, Heb.13:5
- World teaches us and teases us we need more
- We sometimes battle with God over it and may not always trust His provision for us
- Israel in the wilderness is a prime example of what discontentment can look like, Ex.16:1-3

3 **When Manna Isn't Enough**

- Manna surrounded the Israelites and they were discontent and complained; they told Moses that God didn't provide, Num.11:1-10
- Sometimes manna (blessings) fall all around us and we fail to be thankful or satisfied, Phil.4:19
- Sometimes we long for toys instead of treasure; Christ is our greatest treasure. Isn't He enough?

4 **Being Loaded With Benefits**

- Ps.68:19; 103:2; 116:12 speak of the benefits that God provides; can't always see the forest from the trees
- When we have Jesus Christ as our Savior we have everything, even when all else is taken away
- The example of Paul who was content in all ways, Phil.4:11-13; gratitude, humility and contentment all connected

5 **Contentment Found With Godliness**

- God is my contentment, not money or health or gadgets or any earthly possession, 1Tim.6:6-10
- Give according to what you say I need, Prov.30:8
- We find contentment in God's Word as the Holy Spirit quiets us, gives us hope and reminds us of eternity
- Realization that gain is found in godliness, Rom.8:28; rest of life we rest in His grace and good hand