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## 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. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” Hebrews 13:5,6*

### A. Contentment With Christ. v.5

1. *“Let your conversation be without covetousness;”* - αφιλαργυρος ο τροπος.

The word for conversation is *tropos* and it has first of all one's mindset, then from there how it effects one's life. So it's speaking of our manner of life, or the way that we live our lives. And it's telling us that we are to live our lives free from the love of money. The word for covetousness is *aphilarguros* and is made up of three words – to not, love, and silver or money.

But we have to ask ourselves what really is money? Money is nothing more than a medium of exchange where you can use it to get what you want! There is nothing wrong with money itself, but the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Money is nothing more than an inanimate object, no different than a shovel, a hoe, or a piece of paper with words on it. The difference is that it is, more or less, a universal medium of exchange whereby you can tender it for whatever it is that you want to buy.

So when we're talking about money, we're talking about **what it can do for us**. And this is where we get into the complex world of lusts and emotions, for it is through the instrument of money that we can gratify our many lusts, (they can never be satisfied), and we can, (we think), use in some way for some sort of emotional satisfaction.

Money can buy the things that the World System produces, it can buy property, it can buy homes, it can buy investments, it can buy power, it can buy “friends”, it can buy success, it can buy position, it can buy “respect”, it can buy things, material possessions, it can buy sex, it can buy drugs, it can buy pleasure and entertainment, it can buy financial security, (or at least that's the idea), it can buy fun.  
**Money can buy all sorts of things!**

But money can't buy peace, it can't buy us true love, it can't buy us joy, it can't buy us our right man or woman, it can't buy our salvation and forgiveness, it can't buy us eternity; it can't buy us soul satisfaction and contentment; it can't buy us anything from God. **Money can't buy us anything of value** and it can't buy what our souls truly need and what will make us truly satisfied inside. **The only thing that money can buy are things that will gratify our lusts!**

The writer of the book of Hebrews is instructing us that we need to be content with the things in our life that we **presently have** and the reason why we are to be content and can be content is because God is with us and will never leave us!

The Bible constantly emphasizes the them that we are **not** to love the world, nor the things in the world, nor money. It is one of the things that take believers away from the spiritual life dynamic. *“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” 1 Timothy 6:10*

The love of money fuels such things as: greed – the desire to have more money, covetousness – the desire to have more things, lust – the desire for certain things, power – the desire to have control over other people's lives, to puff up the ego. The old sin nature in all of us constantly lusts for everything and it is money that enables us to gratify our lusts, so it follows that one would lust after money.

Studies have shown that it is fighting over money that is the number one cause of arguments in the home and the cause behind 40% of divorces! **He** wants the money so he can buy the things that he *wants* (lusts after). **She** wants the money so she can buy the things she *wants* (lusts after). And the **children** want the money so they can buy the things **they want** (lust after)!

**War** now is declared in the home with each member regarding the other member in the home as the enemy because they are preventing them from buying the things they want to have, (gratifying their lusts)! So they meet on the battlefield each day arguing, screaming, fighting, cussing; verbal battle after verbal battle is fought with no one the real winner. Some get their way, but no one really wins. They go back to lick their wounds and plan a new strategy of attack for the next day or encounter. Such is the average home in America.

Tears flow to get their way, self pity is thrown into the mix, they use bargaining and negotiation skills, or they use threats and demands. Arguing and screaming at each other is common place in this battle to gratify their lusts and sometimes even violence. All to get money so they can gratify their lusts! Is it any wonder that we are to be content with what we have in life??

**Money isn't the problem!** It's nothing more than an inanimate object. **The problem is that we have not contented ourselves in life with what God has provided for us!** Namely, living life in the peace of the spiritual life dynamic, which renders inoperative the flesh nature and its lusts. And being content with the things that God supplies us in his grace provisions for our lives.

Occasionally you will find a doctrinal husband or wife, who does try to stand their ground based upon doctrinal principles; they don't go into debt, they curb their lusts, they live within their means, they don't make unnecessary purchases, their operating expenses are paid first, they save their money and set aside some for the Lord's work. But, if the others in the home have not contented themselves with the Lord, they will consider the doctrinal believer the enemy and attack him to get what they want.

Pouting, sulking, fighting, screaming, arguing and the rest, (these are the battles in the home), will be the lot in life for this family. One may be able to have victory over this love of money concept and lust gratification on a given day, **but the war hasn't been won! The war isn't over until all members of the household are holding to the biblical position!** Until that happens all you have are weary enemy combatants licking their wounds and recharging their batteries waiting for the next round.

Money is the means by which we can gratify our lusts. But if you take our lusts out of the picture, then there is no reason to have money, other than what might be needed for our day to day needs. And please, do not confuse your lusts with your needs! Whenever anyone uses the expression “I need this, or I need that” in their argument over money, it's really that they're lusting after it!

And how we operate apart from the lust pattern of our flesh natures is by living in the filling of the Holy Spirit, in the sphere of metabolized Bible Doctrine, in the new nature that God permanently created in us at the moment we believed on Christ as our Savior.

2. “*And be content with such things as ye have:*” - ἀρκουμένοι τοις παρούσιν

The present middle participle of *arkeo*, to be *content*, tells us that this is to be a way of life for all believers in Christ. The middle voice brings out the fact that the individual Christian must produce the action of the verb and when they do, they will be benefited by it. No one can make us content! No one is able to make us content, nor is it their responsibility to do so. This is something that only we personally can do and are responsible for doing. And if we do, then we will be benefited by the action.

The present active participle of *pareimi*, *ye have*, brings out the idea of what you presently have, or what you have at your disposal. This narrows down the field dramatically concerning our possessions.

There is the mental disorder of **hoarding**, where the individual keeps on accumulating things in his lifetime, things that he will never even use or need, and gets to the place that they are surrounded by disorganized piles and piles of junk and garbage, usually in filthy conditions.

There is the idea of **covetousness**, where the individual has the desire (lust) to have more things. So they go out and purchase, or collect, one thing after another. And usually in multiples. Hundreds of pairs of shoes never worn and never will be worn. Clothes, hats, coats, toys, etc.. Here the emphasis is on the idea of acquiring more things and usually in multiples, borne out of the lust to have more.

Then there is the idea of having a full inventory of things that we will need in life, or the things that we think that we might need in life. There is nothing wrong, per se, with having an adequate inventory of tools for our work, or items we will use around the house or farm, or things necessary for the running of the household. These things are usually practical and can prove helpful down the road. Acquiring and possessing these things is not borne out of a lust to have more, but being prudent.

But *pareimi* has the idea of what is present at our disposal! We might not have what we need, or think we need, at our disposal, and we might not be able to get it! So what do we do? We have to, as our old timers learned to say, “*We’ll have to make do with what we have!*” And, “*We’ll just have to do without!*” Now couple that idea with contentment and what you end up with is believers in Christ, **who have had to learn to do without and make do with what they have with peace in their souls!**

For the past thirty years or so generations of Americans, for the most part, have never had to do that. With the industrial age, factories, easy credit, the availability of cheap labor and big box retailers, people have been able to run down the store and buy anything and everything they want. For the most part, they have never had to learn to do without, nor had to learn to make do with what they have. Nor have they learned to curb their lusts! The result of which has been a gluttony of purchases and not developing various qualities of soul. **They just want what they want and they want it now!**

But what this passage is about is learning to content oneself with what's at hand! Not what you want. Not what you **think** you need, but what's at hand to be used. We think that we need this or that, but it's surprising how little in life it is that we actually do need. People live in houses overflowing with things that end up in their garages with things they “need”. Yet a sailor can carry around everything he needs in a sea bag! Remember, you don't own things; they own you.

For us **to become content** with the things at hand means that we are going to have **to learn to make ourselves content with the things at hand**. And this is where the application of Bible Doctrine comes in and living in the spiritual life dynamic that God has supplied to all believers in Christ.

The concept of being **content** is found in: Matthew 25:9, “lest there be not enough for us and you.”; Luke 3:14, “and be content with your wages.”; John 6:7, “Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.”; John 14:8, “shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.”; 2 Corinthians 12:9, “My grace is sufficient for thee.”; 1 Timothy 6:8, “And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”; Hebrews 13:5, “and be content with such things as ye have.”.

It has the idea, first of all, of having enough of a thing whatever it may be. One has a sufficient quantity of food and wine for one's dinner guests; enough work to keep one busy; enough food and water to meet one's food requirements; enough money to supply the household needs. It really goes into every area of people's lives here on earth. We're creatures of many needs: food, clothing, shelter, spiritual, transportation, financial, social, etc.. Adequacy, or sufficiency, is where one has those needs met. This is not referring to the things that one **wants**, but the things that one **needs**.

The problem comes in where **we think our wants are needs**, or we think that we need more things than we actually do. Growth deals with getting past our wants, or lusts, and getting past the concept of thinking that we need more than we actually do, to the place where we can get by on far less than we think we need and be content with what we actually have! This is the idea of contentment. So being content deals with being satisfied with what one actually has at their disposal, or being satisfied with what's present or at hand.

Paul brought out the concept of self-sufficiency in Philippians 4:11, “Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be **content**, αυταρκης” He couples *arkeo* with *autos* and coins a new word, *autarkes*, or being self-sufficient.

**Self sufficiency** is the state of non-dependence upon anything or anyone. You no longer are dependent upon others for your physical, financial, social, or emotional needs. **Whatever you need in life, whatever you will need to go through life, whatever you will need to go through eternity will be provided for you by God and is contained within you inside the spiritual life apparatus that God has given to you**. This spiritual life apparatus consists of living in the new nature, the indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit, the intake and metabolization of the Word by faith.

The **philosopher** considered this term along the lines that **contentment**, or **self-sufficiency**, was a spiritual force that was given to him by his deity, and was working in him by the empowerment of his deity, and, was also the concentrated expression of his religious union with that deity and the spirituality the deity implanted in him. This is where contentment becomes an integral part of *eusebeia*, that is, **contentment is an inner and outer expression of one's own spiritual life dynamic**.

But there was another idea found in self-sufficiency and that was having a sufficiency of things for oneself also meant what could be **given to one's brothers**. **One's *autarkes*, one's self-sufficiency, arose only when someone else had a share in it**. The idea of two cups comes into mind, where God is pouring water into the first cup and the water overflows into another cup. This way your cup is always filled as it is overflows into the second cup! **If you don't want to share with the other cup, then there's no reason to fill your cup to the brim!**

It brings to mind the man sitting at his table eating a meal of bread, wine and meat. He lives humbly and has everything he needs. But beyond that, he is content or satisfied on the inside with what he has at hand. He has a guest come over to visit with him at lunch time and out of having his needs met, he readily shares all that he has to eat, for he knows that he will have enough tomorrow.

3. “For he hath said,” - αυτος γαρ ειρηκεν

We have here the perfect active indicative of *eipon*. Now the perfect tense looks at an action that took place in the past and exists on into the current present. The action here is to speak or say something and refers back to something that God had said in the past, a promise that was made to his Old Testament people, and **this promise still stands today for his New Testament people**.

The origin of this quotation is not clear and it does not correspond exactly to any OT passage, but there are several statements that are rather like it:

Genesis 28:15, “*And, behold, **I am with thee**, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for **I will not leave thee**, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.*”

Deuteronomy 31:6, “*Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; **he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.**” Deuteronomy 31:8, “*And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; **he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.**”**

1 Chronicles 28:20, “*And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, **will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee**, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.*”

Psalms 118:6, “***The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?**” (KJV) Psalms 118:6,7, “***The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.**” (NIV)**

Isaiah 41:10, “*Fear thou not; **for I am with thee**: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, **I will help thee**; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*”

The Greek wording in the New Testament of Hebrews 13:5,6 seems to be a direct quote out of the Septuagint Version of the Old Testament. Deuteronomy 31:6, “οὐ μή σε ἀνήσσει οὐτε μή σε ἐγκαταλίπη”; Deuteronomy 31:8, “καὶ κύριος ὁ συμπορευόμενος μετὰ σοῦ οὐκ ἀνήσει σε οὐδὲ μή ἐγκαταλίπη σε μή φοβοῦ μηδὲ δειλία .”

An interesting side note in Deuteronomy 31 is that the Septuagint has verse 6 as *proporeuomai*, “the Lord will **go before you**”, and in verse 8 it's *sumporeuomai*, which speaks of **union**. The word *poreuomai* speaks of going on a journey for business, or for some purpose, so when we put the two together it's saying “I will be journeying before you on the way to the Land of Canaan”, verse 6, and “I will be journeying in union with you”!

These two promises together are two of the most powerful statements in the Bible and become the basis for the Christian's unshakeable confidence and faith in God. To absolutely know for sure that we are not alone in this life; to know that God is with us, that he is in union with us; to know that God will protect us and provide for us; to know that God's infinite power is always there for us; to know that God will never abandon us – **never**; to know that God will sustain us in life in any situation, whatever the circumstance and wherever we may be on earth. Whenever God says I will do this, or I will do that, it becomes an unbreakable promise that God has made to us.

4. "I will never leave thee" - ου μη σε αρω

The double negative, *ou* and *me*, combined with the aurist active subjunctive of *aniemi* forms an emphatic negation; the strongest negative you can have to emphasize a point. If God said something using one no, then that would be enough, for God says what he means and means what he says. But when he uses a compound of two no's, then it means **not ever**, from which we get **never**. And with the active voice, where the subject produces the action of the verb, then it is God who will never leave us.

There will never be any situation, any circumstance of any kind that God will ever leave us. Now in the NT the word used is *aniemi*, which means to leave, to let go of, to forsake, etc.. But remember, this is a quote of an OT passage, so we have to go back to the OT and find out what the Hebrew word meant in its context. "And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8 "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Joshua 1:5

The word in the Hebrew is *raphah* and it meant to leave or forsake someone, to let them go in the sense that you won't be helping them any more. To **sustain** someone would best capture the idea of the word. So God will never cease sustaining us. When God formed his nation, Israel, out of the world it was Israel against the world. But there was no way that Israel by itself could stand against the world. It had to have God on its side helping them and the same thing goes for Christians today!

So how does God sustain us? It begins with the foundation of a perfect love that he has for us, his covenant that he entered into with us, (through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ), a covenant where he has bound himself to us and us to Him; it stems from his perfect plan for our lives, there are also the thousands of promises that he has made to us, his omnipotence and omnipresence; everything that God is and everything that he has at his disposal is there to protect us and provide our needs.

And one of the things that he promised Israel, and that he has promised us today, is that he would never leave us, that is, **he would never stop sustaining us in life!** This is what Moses was telling Israel when they were about to go into the land of Canaan, **that Yahweh was with them, that he would never cease sustaining them and that he would never abandon them.** Deuteronomy 31:1,6,8 *Yahweh* also said the same thing to Joshua when he took over Moses' position. Joshua 1:5

An interesting little word in used in all three verses is *with, im* in the Hebrew. We should never underestimate little words, because sometimes little words have big meanings. *Im* was a technical word found in covenant relationships. Someone was **with** you, because he was bound to you through a covenant. So when *Yahweh* said that he was **with** Israel, he was saying that he was *with* Israel in the sense that he was legally bound to Israel, (and Israel to him), because of his covenant with them. Just as all Christians are bound to God, and He to us, through the New Covenant.

One of the aspects of a covenant relationship between two men is that they were both bound to help each other when one of them needed help. But that was a bi-lateral covenant. The covenant that God has with us is all one way. God brought us into a covenant relationship with himself and took all the obligation of helping upon himself, thus making him our **covenant-helper**. So that, whenever we need help, all we have to do is call upon *Yahweh* and he will help us! **And one of the obligations that he has willingly taken on himself is to sustain us through life with whatever it is that we need. And he has also promised to never stop doing that!**

*Yahweh* told Moses that he would never cease to sustain him in life providing everything he would need, nor would he ever abandon him as he led Israel into the promised land. And he made the same promise to Joshua when he took over the reins of leadership after Moses died. And God makes this same promise today to all believers in Christ, whoever they are and wherever they may be!

This sustaining power of *Yahweh* is not only **external** in providing all our needs and protecting us from our enemies, but it is also **internal** to give us courage and strength to face our trials and go through them, the doctrine and wisdom to know what to do in life, faith to believe his promises and trust him, the resolve to do his will and every spiritual dynamic there is.

And God makes a promise here to absolutely not ever, under any circumstance, situation, or condition, regardless of the level of intensity or difficulty, to ever stop sustaining us with his grace and strength, and he makes this promise as emphatic as can be made. **“I absolutely will not ever stop sustaining you and I will absolutely not ever – never – abandon you!”**

A demonstrable proof of this promise in the giving of the Holy Spirit to everyone who believes on Christ as his Savior. The Holy Spirit was given to us at our moment of salvation, thus sealing and guaranteeing our redemption, and as proof that he will never leave us. *“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”* Ephesians 1:13,14

Now some believers in Christ are aware of this, but many aren't. But regardless of whether we know it or not, or even believe it or not, (as in the case of many), the Holy Spirit was permanently given to us at the moment of our salvation and he will never leave us nor forsake us. He is with us, in us, for us and will be so now and forevermore!

And all the great power of God is available to us as an internal dynamic through the Holy Spirit. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, hope, confidence, patience, compassion and many more spiritual concepts are ours through the power of the Holy Spirit to give us strength and victory in this life.

The key to appropriating the power of God in our lives, both internally and externally, as it was also in the Old Testament, is through faith in the Word of God. *“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace **in believing**, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.”* Romans 15:13 “*In the believing*”, or “*in the sphere of faith*” is where we see the operation of God's power giving us peace, hope and joy.

**David** testified to the sustaining grace of God not only in his life, but in the life of God's people in Psalm 37:25, *“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”* **Paul** testified in his writings in Philippians 4:19, *“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”* And again in 2 Corinthians 4:19, *“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:”* And as an old man at the end of his life when he had to stand trial and had been abandoned by all. But there was one who stood with him, the Lord Jesus Christ. *“Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.”* 2 Timothy 4:17 **God will never stop providing us everything we need to sustain us in this life and through death!**

5. “*Nor forsake thee*” - ουδ ου μη σε εγκαταλιπω

The first statement, “Never will I leave you” uses a double negative, *ou me*, which is an extremely emphatic negative concept, but the second statement, “Never will I forsake you”, uses a triple negative, *oud' ou me*, which puts the negating concept out of sight. With the two statements taken together, which they are, then we have a total of five negatives!

Mathematically speaking these negatives would not be added to each other, but multiplied times each other. So if we assigned, say, the number 5 to a *no*, and if *no* was used only one time, then the number would be 5. But if we used two *no's* next to each other, then it would be 5 times 5 resulting in a number value of 25. But if we have 5 *no's* used, then it would be 5 to the 5<sup>th</sup> power for a total of 3,125!

Or we can assign a line concept with the number 5 concerning God's promises and the line represents a weight of 500 pounds. A person is asked, 'Can you lift 500 pounds over your head?' And the answer is no. Now if you can't lift 500 pounds over your head, then you sure can't lift 3,125,000,000 pounds over your head! 500 pounds to the 5<sup>th</sup> power. (Or did I leave off 3 zeroes? Oh well, old age).

Even in the laws of probability, when you get into the area of billions to one, it never becomes an odd that something **could** occur, but that it will **never** occur! It may belabor the point, but it's designed to impress us that when God says no he means no! And when God says no five times he really means that this thing will never happen! Stating his promise to us using five negatives is not for his benefit, but for our's to drive home the point to give our faith confidence in believing that he will never stop sustaining us and he will never abandon us – never.

*Enkataleipo* meant to forsake, to leave behind, to abandon. Its Hebrew equivalent, *azab*, as found in Deuteronomy 31:6,8, meant the same thing. The idea is where a parent leaves a child behind at someone's house never to return for them, or to abandon them alongside the road. It's one thing to do this when they are infants, but totally traumatic for the child when it is old enough to know what's happening, that their parents left them and didn't come back for them.

Some children have the sense of abandonment, even if they have both parents at home. Their parents are always at work or play, or they're too busy for them, or they outright ignore and reject them. The result will be that they grow up having this sense of abandonment. And they reason, if my own parents didn't want me, then why would anyone else? If my own parents abandoned me, then everyone else will too! And they take that insecurity, fear and sense of not being wanted, (therefore, that they're no good), right into their relationship with God!

Christ knows what it felt like to be abandoned, for when he was hanging on the cross paying the penalty for our sins, both the Father and the Holy Spirit abandoned him causing him to cry out why was he forsaken, *enkataleipo!* “*And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*” Matthew 27:46 But he knew, by faith in the Word, that God would not abandon his soul in Hades. “*Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*” Acts 2:27

God did not leave his Son behind in Hell, but raised him up. And God will never abandon us. And once again the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us is proof. God giving his Son for us is also proof of his union and commitment to us forever. “*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 Pastor Mike