

Contentment in Christ

Contentment and Materialism

Heavenly Father,
Help us to find my contentment in Christ.
Teach us to be satisfied with what I have and to trust you.
Free us from the love of money and the desire for material wealth.
Help us to value eternal things above earthly possessions.
Cultivate in us a heart of gratitude.
Help us to recognize the blessings You have given me and to give thanks for all that we have.
Help us to be generous with what we have, sharing freely with those in need.
Grant us wisdom in managing my finances.
Help us to be a good steward of the resources you have entrusted in us and to use them wisely for Your kingdom.
Free us from the grip of materialism.
Help us to place our trust and security in you rather than in material possessions.
Help us to rely on you and to believe that you will supply everything we need according to your riches in glory.
Free us from the envy and comparison that materialism often brings.
Help us to be content with what we have given us and to rejoice in the blessings of others.
Create in us a heart of contentment that is not driven by the desire for more.
Help us to focus on what truly matters
Cleanse our heart from any greed that may reside there.
Help us to be content with what we have provided and to avoid the desire for more at the expense of others.
Fill our heart with joy as we give to others.
Help us to experience the blessing that comes from giving and to give with a cheerful heart.
Help us to remain content and to trust in your provision.
Help us to serve and give freely to those in need.
Help us to give freely and to trust that you will provide for all our needs.
In Jesus name, Amen.

We are putting ourselves in danger of getting into heaven when we die on earth. We are putting ourselves in danger when we are chasing material possessions on earth. As Christians and disciples, we understand gifts come from above. The Wealth that people obtain is not gifts from God and his kingdom. It is greed and mammon. Turn to the person next to you and say do not love money and possession than God. I get my wealth from Christ and his kingdom. I call on God for what I want to be my supplier and source. I understand earthly possessions and receiving things on earth is not my supplier, provider and source. As a man of God and Bishop, I put my trust in God as my source. Turn to the person next to you and say trust in God and heaven as your source. I wish it was a homeless program in the New York City area like Star of Hope Mission in Houston that is more spiritual and I was surrounded by spiritual-minded people. I try to stay away from sinners that are all about sin, temptation, idolatry and evil. When I had to stay at homeless shelters in the past to get myself back on my feet in permanent housing.

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”-Colossians 3:15

1. Prioritize peace with relationship
2. Allow Jesus peace to guide their actions.
3. Cultivate an attitude of gratitude.

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”-1 Thessalonians 5:18

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!”-Psalm 100:4

We need to be living our lives with compassion, kindness, humility, patience and forgiveness. Paul is urging believers to put aside behaviors that cause division and embrace those that foster unity. We do not need to support no one in the Democratic Party that incite violence in communities, such as people like Maxine Waters and the squad. I say the Democratic Party is not providing unity when they go out and incite violence on Tesla dealerships and public places to protest against Trump and his policies. The Democratic Party does not have peace in their hearts today. That is 100% fact. They need to find themselves spiritually. Christ provides and needs to be an umpire and guide in our hearts when we make decisions. We Need to let Christ govern our inner selves. We need to have peace while we have conflicts and disagreements. Tell the person next to you and say stop the sinful idolatry. Believers are part of one body and community. Peace is not just an individual pursuit but a collective responsibility. Gratitude is linked to peace. A thankful heart is less prone to discord and more like to promote harmony. Paul is stressing the importance of a continual attitude of thankfulness.

We need to find things that we are thankful for. I say to people that they should not be distant from their families. I want to say something that Mr. Freeman at Pacific Garden Mission said in 2011-2013 that homeless people need to be communicating with their families and go back to their families and unite with their families. Homeless shelters staff earn \$600 or more per client at homeless shelters. Why not just go back to your family and unite with your families for free. The devil wants to keep us from uniting with family because he wants to encourage more of our families to be broken and distant. It is time to make the devil angry on that and stop letting the devil feed our minds. You do not want to be content being at homeless shelters. If a homeless man or woman does not have families to depend on, they need to be thankful for what they have, such as a roof over their head, clothes on their back, food/meals, staff that care about people that are helping them get their life back on their feet, and play to stay.

I want to say as a man of God and Bishop of this congregation that is not what God can do for you in your life. It is what you can do for God to serve his kingdom faithfully in the path of righteousness and being humble to God. I want to say as an independent that I am 48% conservative/Republican and 40% Democrat heading to 2026. I agree with Andrew Cuomo on the Stephen A. Smith shows that the Democrats on Capitol Hill do not know what being a progressive means. He says that he is a progressive because he got a lot of things done as Governor of New York. I am a progressive that likes to get things done, but I have to still work on making sure my church revenue matches the growing congregation. The

congregation should be receiving \$4 million each month for operations and community programs that help the homelessness within various ministries from the congregation.

1. We need to praise God with joy and gladness.
2. Let God come into your hearts.
3. Express admiration and adoration to God.