

LEARNING TO BE CONTENT.
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Satan's ploy is discontentment.

Philippians 4:11-13-AMP

11 Not that I am implying that I was in any personal want, for ***I have learned how to be content (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted)*** in whatever state I am.

12 I know how to be abased and live humbly in straitened circumstances, and I know also how to enjoy plenty and live in abundance. ***I have learned in any and all circumstances the secret of facing every situation,*** whether well-fed or going hungry, having a sufficiency and enough to spare or going without and being in want.

13 I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [*I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency*].

Philippians 4:4-NIV says, ***"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"***

Philippians 4:6-8,9-AMP

6 ***Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything,*** but in ***every circumstance and in everything, by prayer*** and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

8 For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on and weigh and ***take account of these things [fix your minds on them].***

9 ***Practice what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me,*** and model your way of living on it, and the God of peace (of untroubled, undisturbed well-being) will be with you.

Contentment is living independent of the circumstances.

Contentment is realizing that God has already provided for everything I need.

Discontentment, can be stirred up by other people.

1Corinthians 10:10-Message

10 We must be careful ***not to stir up discontent;*** discontent destroyed them.

Philippians 4:8-Passion

...So keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising him always.

There's a verse that will help us to stop complaining:

Deuteronomy 28:47-48-AMP

47 Because ***you did not serve the Lord your God with joyfulness of [mind and] heart [in gratitude] for the abundance of all [with which He had blessed you],***

48 Therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the Lord shall send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and in want of all things; and He will put a yoke of iron upon your neck until He has destroyed you. NKJV - ..."Because you did not serve the LORD your God with ***joy and gladness of heart,***...

Philippians 4:12-13

*...I know what it means to lack, and I know what it means to experience overwhelming abundance. For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And ***I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty.****