

support". It is a mind that is "satisfied with its current lot in life".

The word "**content**" in 1 Timothy 6:8, includes the concept of "having unflinching strength".

WOW! How many of us can say that we live in such a condition of life?

All Christians should have this condition of absolute contentment! If we are not satisfied with our lives today, it seems that one of the following scenarios must be true.

1. The **Problem:** We are **NOT**, in truth, **TRUSTING** Jesus! How can someone who is pursuing godliness and trusting Jesus be discontented?

The **Solution:** Repent and decide to seek God's Kingdom and His Righteousness... and you will be filled! (Matthew 5:6)

2. The **Problem:** We want what we **want!** To some degree, we are trusting in Jesus. However, we want something that *He has not given us*. We are being self-focused. If we are trusting in Jesus, but are depressed or discontented with our situation in life, then we are in fact ***disgruntled against God*** and His provisions for our lives!

The **Solution:** Repent and decide whatever you have received from the Lord today is what He wants for you today. **TRUST HIM! AND THANK HIM!**

Matthew 6:34 (quoted above) tells us not to even worry about tomorrow. Today has enough problems to take care of! Here is a novel idea for the Christian...

Today... TRUST GOD!
Tomorrow ... TRUST GOD!
And continue to do so all the days of your life!

Is Jesus the answer to **ALL** your needs? **YES!**

"And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. (20) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," (Ephesians 3:19-20)



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Are You Godly?
Are You Content?

*"But **godliness with contentment** is great gain. (7) For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (8) And having food and raiment let us be therewith **content**."*
(1 Timothy 6:6-8)

The above passage holds an interesting thought combination. Godliness **with** contentment is **great gain!**



GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT IS GREAT GAIN!

Great Gain!

Most Christians would certainly affirm that “godliness” should be a top priority in the life of a believer. However, if one is honest with themselves, the thought of “contentment” coupled with “godliness” is likely a foreign concept.

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### Content with Food and Clothes

Verse eight tells us that if we have food and clothing, we should be content with that!

What about pursuing a better life? What about a nicer home? A better job? A more successful business? Better clothes? Nicer cars?

Of course, the Bible answers these questions. A Biblical work ethic and moral compass **WILL** create successful lives.

However, the question remains: “**Are you CONTENT with food and clothing?**”

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"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (34) Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matthew 6:33-34)

The passage from Matthew cited above provides additional incite in regards to the “great gain” that results from godliness with contentment. All of our needs will be met!

If our hearts are pursuing the “kingdom of God” and we are seeking “His righteousness”, God promises to provide all of the necessities of life. This should bring amazing peace and contentment to the life of a Christian!

The Greek word translated as “gain” (1 Timothy 6:6) is essentially the same meaning as the English word “gain”. It is basically some type of acquisition.

However the word for “great” has significant meaning. It is the Greek word “megas” and it can be used as follows:

- In regards to “size”, “quantity”, “weight”, etc.
- As related to “rank” or “prestige”.
- In association with splendor, stately or on a grand scale.
- As applied to God’s blessings.

Therefore, if we pursue godliness and are content with trusting in Him, we will acquire huge, wonderful blessings from God! An honest **TRUSTING** of God provides us with gains far in excess of our perceived “needs”.

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### So... Are You Content?

Do you possess “great gain”? Godliness with contentment is the key! Are you content with what God has provided for you today?

It is important for us to understand what it means to be “content”. There are actually two different Greek words used in these verses that pertain to “contentment”.

The word "**contentment**" in 1 Timothy 6:6 includes the notion of a "perfect condition of life that requires no aid or