CONTENTMENT
Phil. 4:11; I Tim. 6: 6, 8; Heb. 13:5
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INTRODUCTION
1. CONTENTMENT -- To be satisfied; contented with -- Vine
2. Not many people today have CONTENTMENT
3. Without CONTENTMENT one cannot be happy.
4. There are some things we are not to be content with, and we will look at some of them.

I. THINGS WE ARE NOT TO BE CONTENT WITH:
   1. We are not to be content with the commandments of men -- 2 John 9 - 11; Matt. 15:9; Jude 3
   2. We are not to be content with evil -- Rom. 12:9; I Thess. 5:22; I Cor. 15:33; Eph. 5:11
   3. We are not to be content with our knowledge -- Heb. 5: 12 - 14; I Pet. 2:2; Eph. 5:17; 2 Tim. 2:15;
      I Tim. 4: 13 - 16; Eph. 3: 3-5
   4. We are not to be content to halfway do the work God would have us do -- Col. 3:23; I Cor. 15:58;
      Rom. 12:11; Rev. 2:5

II. SOME THINGS WE ARE TO BE CONTENT WITH:
   1. Having food and raiment -- Paul said, "let us be therewith content" -- I Tim. 6:8
   2. We are to be content with our lot in life -- I Cor. 7: 20 - 21; Phil. 4:11
      (1) This does not mean we are not to improve it if we can, but to be content if we can’t.
   3. We are to be content with such things as we have -- Heb. 13:5
   4. We are to be content with God’s way:
      (1) God’s wisdom is not like man’s wisdom -- I Cor. 1:21; 1: 25 - 29; Isa. 55: 8 - 9
      (2) We are to walk by faith -- 2 Cor. 5:7
      (3) To be pleasing in God’s sight we must be content with God’s way.

III. WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF DISCONTENTMENT?
   1. Murmuring -- I Cor. 10:10; Phil. 2:14; Acts 6:1
   2. Anxiety about what we are going to eat, drink, and put on -- Matt. 6: 25 - 33; Phil. 4:6

IV. WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF CONTENTMENT?
   1. Having our desires "LIMITED" by what we have -- Heb. 13:5
      (1) If you have beans, and this is all you can afford, don’t be desiring steak.
   2. Having ease of mind -- John 14:1, 27; Isa. 26: 3; I Tim. 6:6
   3. Being able to contain self -- Phil. 4:11

V. WHAT PRODUCES CONTENTMENT?
   1. Discipline -- Phil. 4:11; I Cor. 9:27
   2. Trust in the Lord -- Heb. 13: 5 - 6
   3. Seek the Kingdom of God first -- Matt. 6:33; I Tim. 6:6
VI. WHY BE CONTENTED?

1. We are commanded to be contented -- Heb. 13:5
2. Murmuring is condemned -- I Cor. 10:10
4. God’s promise is true -- Heb. 13:5 - 6; 2 Pet. 3:9

CONCLUSION

1. If you are not a Christian, you cannot have this contentment that we have been studying about.
2. Won’t you become one now?

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