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Can We Be Content?

There are some Christian characteristics easier to apply and more easily understood. Can we buy into that? But one characteristic is the need for contentment, and that one is not so easy sometimes. Maybe in accomplishment it is on a level of loving a hateful brother.

Researching, I first found Paul saying, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (Philip. 4:12). Giving me some reason for hope, I noted there that Paul doesn't claim he always has contentment. He just said "I have learned the secret of being content..." Knowing the secret and doing it are two different things, I reasoned.

But wait. Backing up, in verse 11 I found him saying, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstance." Humm. Guess Paul had applied the secret, huh? Who am I to doubt Paul? Reading more in research I found Paul telling Timothy "godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Tim. 6:6). Then, the Hebrews writer says this: "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you'" (Heb. 13:5). So, I think I read that contentment is both a necessary characteristic and that it is possible - knowing the secret is attainable.

So - and here is my point -- why is it that when I looked at my online bank checking yesterday to find a negative balance I panicked? My contentment was no where to be found for a while. I liken what I felt to one who looks in the food pantry and finds no food, and has no money to buy any. Or maybe in this day, of needing to go somewhere and looking at the gas gauge on the car

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For those who have been hit by Hurricane Ike

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

Ellen Lemon as she continues her radiation treatments.

Aaron Salyers had successful surgery on Monday to repair his cranium. He is home now recuperating..

Allie McCray had surgery on Monday to remove her tonsils and adenoids and to insert tubes in her ears. She was released on Wednesday. There was some problem with oxygen level after her surgery.

Alex Cram is still facing possible eye surgery to preserve his eyesight.

Kerri Davis is still suffering with a gallstone and related symptoms. November 25 is her appointment to see the surgeon.

Janine Morris is to have kidney surgery on Thursday this week at KDMC.



**LET US KNEEL
BEFORE THE
LORD, OUR
MAKER!**

Psalm 96:6



11/21-22 - 24 Hours of Prayer

1/22 - Angel Food Distribution

**11/30 - A.M. Thanksgiving Service
P.M. Preaching Service**

12/3-5 - Angel Food Orders

12/7 - Deadline for Coats for Kids

12/19 - Christmas Program @ 7 pm

VERSE OF THE MONTH

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.
Acts 16:31



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

11/16 2 Corinthians 10-11
11/23 2 Corinthians 12-13
11/30 Preaching Service
12/7 Galatians 1-2
12/14 Galatians 3-4
12/21 Galatians 5-6
12/28 Ephesians 1

Wednesday

11/19 Exodus 3-4
11/26 Exodus 5-7
12/03 Exodus 8-10
12/10 Exodus 11-13
12/17 Exodus 14-15
12/24 Exodus 16-18

Christmas Program

Our annual kids Christmas Program is set for Friday, December 19, 7 pm here at the building. If you are wanting to help out with this event, please see Don Coriell ASAP.

Shepherds' Prayer Session

This Thursday, November 20, 7:30 pm, the shepherds of the congregation will be meeting for prayer for the church and for the members and families of the congregation. If you have requests that need to be included in the prayer, please give your requests to one of the elders. These requests remain confidential unless you direct otherwise.

Thanksgiving Service

The Sunday after Thanksgiving we have a special service each year where 4 or 5 of our men take the time to thank and praise the Lord for blessings they have received from Him in their lives. We look forward to this time all year long. Please make every effort to be here for that special service. **Children's Bible Time will be cancelled for that Sunday** so that the children can see their dad's and grandfather's and uncles speaking up for the Lord.

24 Hours of Prayer

Starting on Friday, November 21, at 6 pm, and continuing through Saturday, November 22, 6 pm, the Sunshine church will be engaged in a 24 hour session of prayer. We are asking all of you to commit to pray at least one hour in those 24 hours. This prayer time will be somewhat different than in the past. We want to concentrate on giving thanks to the Lord for all the blessings that he has showered down upon us. Start listing now for yourself all the things that you are truly grateful to the Lord for providing. There will also be a box in the foyer for specific prayer requests. Sign up sheets for specific time slots are posted on the window in the foyer. See Jamie Riley or Aaron McCray for details.

Angel Food Request

Through Angel Food we have made a friendship with a local Christian couple (late 40's/early 50's) who are needing some extra income to make ends meet. The husband is on disability. The woman is looking for house cleaning type work. If you would care to give this woman a chance to work some for you, see Judi Allison. Judi's comment: "I would trust her to work in my home."

Cancer Support Group Meeting

There is a cancer support group meeting at the Minford Middle School, Thursday, November 20, 6:30 pm.

If you or a loved one is battling cancer, or if you have fought cancer in the past, this meeting is for you.

For details, call 820-2827 or talk to Kim McCray.

Spirit Club Meeting

Tonight at 6 pm.

Coats for Kids

We are in the process of contacting local schools (administrators and teachers) to develop a list of students who are in need of coats, hats and gloves for the winter. It takes about \$25-30 to provide a child with what is needed. If you would like to help with this project, give your donations to Rhonda Berry or Eugene Risner. Checks made out to Sunshine. Donations in excess of what is needed for the coats will go toward the Joy of Giving program which provides wrapped Christmas gifts to a family or families that are struggling financially at this time. Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 7.

Special PM Service

On Sunday evening, November 30, we will be suspending all adult and teen classes and having a preaching service for all those who remain in the auditorium. Classes for the children will continue as usual.



On Thursday evening, **Shane and Syleana Mougey** confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized in his Name for the forgiveness of their sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to give both of them a big welcome in the Lord this morning.



From the rising
of the sun to it's
going down,
The Lord's name
is to be praised.

Psalms 113:3

Can We Be Content?

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and finding it on empty, and no sufficient money to pay today's prices.

Well, it turned out for me that I was not in the negative with my bank account. The next time I looked, the bank had flipped a deposit I had made earlier to the right place. But this is to say that sometimes it is not solved so easily, and to question if it is something we all need to work on.

God is, as the song says, still God of the mountain AND God of the valley, the valley being the times when things are not looking so promising, as it was with my first look at online banking.

Maybe I need to work on this contentment thing. I know I do. I am easily contented most of the time, because everything is going quite well, thank you, but there are other times. In those, I have need of knowing more "the secret of being content in every situation." I am also sure that a lot of brethren are just like me.

Can we be content? Yes. We just need to learn the secret, and that is found in God, I think. Especially we can when we consider what else Paul said: "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Phili. 4:13).

Chuck Owen

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Laredo, TX

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L Server 6
O Server 5
R Server 4
D Wine
S Bread
S Server 3
U Server 2
P Server 1
P Message
R Closing Prayer

November 16

Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Rich Book
Jeff Hayward
Eric McLaughlin
Ed McLaughlin
Gary Glispie
Jason Coriell
John Berry
Mark Gampp
Ryan Coriell
Barry Gampp
Steve Miller
Troy Gahm

November 23

Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Shawn Gragg
Jack Jennings
Don Ramey
Chuck Allison
Dewey Cordle
Aaron Kallner
David Gampp
Tyler Jones
Eric Copas
Jamie Riley
Bill Gammon

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class

Caleb Miller
Aaron McCray
Josh Coriell
Matthew Hoskins
Aaron McCray
2 Corinthians 10-11

Zach Coriell
Mark Gampp
Spike Ferrell
Tim Coriell
Tim Gampp
2 Corinthians 12-13

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Gabe Coriell
Greg Coriell
Exodus 3-4

Jacob Miller
Ira Coriell
Exodus 5-7

Children's Bible Time

Nov 3/5: Stephanie Copas, Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan
Nov 6/8: Mary Lemon, Kristine Coriell, Teresa Hayward
Dec 3/5: Jennette Ferrell, Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gampp
Dec 6/8: Kerri Davis, Kim McCray, Jessie Coriell

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

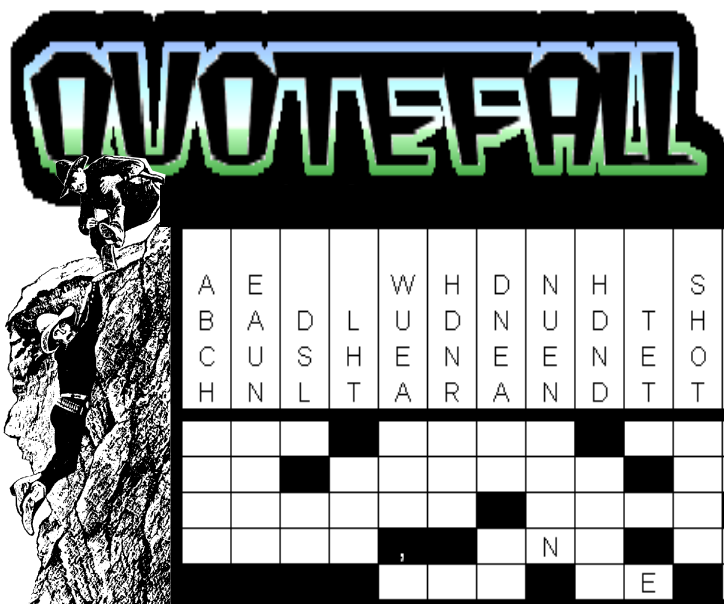
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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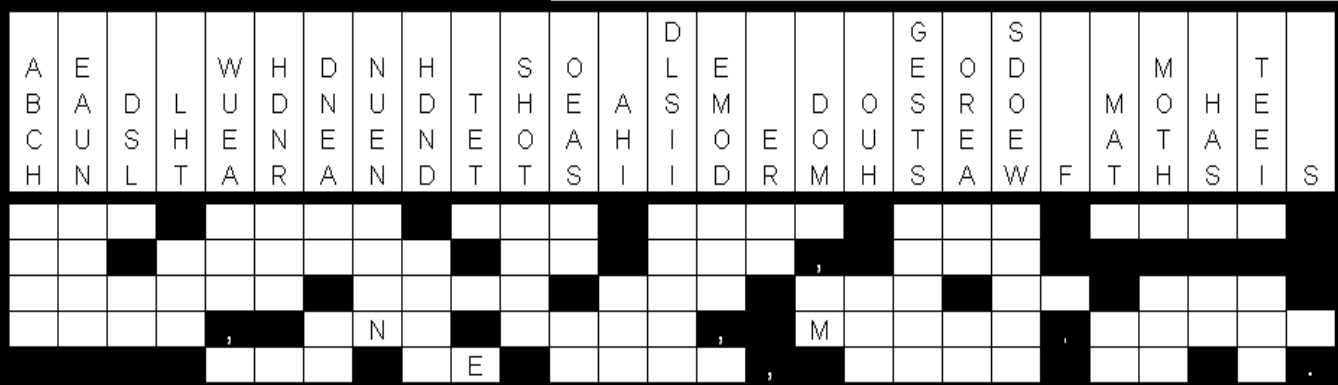
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A verse of scripture from Exodus 3 is scrambled below. Drop the letters from the top columns into the squares below in the correct order to unscramble the verse. A few letters have been done for you already. Solution is posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin.

Helpful hint: Try doing the one and two letter words first.



Quotefall Solution
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EXODUS 3:4