



NEEDING NOTHING

Few uninspired men give us a better example of contentment than John Fawcett (1740-1817). He is the author of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", which has such great meaning to us. Despite his humble circumstances, his "Essay on Anger" came to the attention of King George III. The King offered him "any benefit a king can confer". With great simplicity he responded, "I need nothing a king can supply."

In our world crammed full of "things" this statement seems surprising. How was it possible to have such a contentment that nothing a king has is of any attraction. We cannot but admire such a man in so many ways; we should desire to have this attitude. This kind of attitude can be possible when we learn some lessons.

God Is Our Source. Fawcett desired nothing of the king's because he looked to a better source. Trusting man for our needs is risky business. Man can fail. Man can die. Man can change his feelings and we are left with nothing. Yet God, who promises to supply our every need when we put Him first, changes not.

Man Needs To Learn Simple Living. A good test of our dependence on "things" is this: Look at everything you own and determine how often you have used it in the past year. If you haven't used it, it is very likely you do not need it. We hoard our possessions and justify this by saying, "I might need it one day." God's promises to us are for our *needs* to be supplied, not our *wants*. (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19). Someone has well said, "Man needs little here on earth, and doesn't need it very long."

The Spiritual Is More Precious Than The Material. If we have a wealth of spirituality, it matters little how much we have of the material. Few men have suffered and sacrificed as did the apostle Paul. In his last days he needed his cloak to be brought to him, for winter was coming. He must have had only one (I Timothy 4:13, 21). His worldly possessions were scant. Yet he could write that he lived "*as having nothing, yet possessing everything*" (II Corinthians 6:10). - via *Bulletin Digest*

Fear God—not to run from Him, but to Him.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the Rice family at the passing of Karen Rice. God bless and comfort the family.

CONFESSIONS: Taylor Heinselmann, Buzz Burdine.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & WITH CARDS: Two of our Christian friends recently suffered strokes. Their addresses are: **Judy Pratt** - 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452, and **David Logston** (son of Glenn & Margie) - 4067 E. Wilshire Dr., Springfield, MO 65809. Also, remember our Martha Noland as she has surgery this week.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to participate.

PANTRY: Toilet tissue & deodorant.

SINGING: February 11th & 25th following the evening services.

LADIES WORK DAY: Sat., Feb. 17th, 9:00 a.m. at the Multipurpose Bldg.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Geraldine Barrett, Mary Beth Robinson, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred & Jean Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, George & Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's parents). **NURSING HOMES: Fox:** Ray Baker, Ruth McMahan. **Calcutta Health Care:** Glenn Beagle, Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). **Nentwick:** Ruby Kenny. **Rivendale:** Ione Asher. **Weirton Geriatric Center:** Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum.

EIGHT REQUISITES FOR CONTENTED LIVING

Goethe (1749-1832)

1. Health enough to make work a pleasure;
2. Wealth enough to support your needs;
3. Strength enough to battle difficulties and overcome them;
4. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished;
5. Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor;
6. Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others;
7. Faith enough to make real the things of God;
8. Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

- via Lists To Live By

Moments With God

Happy moments, praise God.
 Difficult moments, seek God.
 Quiet moments, worship God.
 Painful moments, trust God.
 Every moment, thank God.



PRAYER



When my burdens have grown heavy,
 And my way I cannot see,
 What joy to know my Father
 Waits in love to hear from me.
 When the trials of life oppress me,
 And my pathway fills with care;
 I take courage in the knowledge
 That my Father answers prayer.