

Learn To Be Content

Sometimes people grow weary of their situation in life. They become dissatisfied with what they have and yearn for something better. They become like the weary farmer, who having lived on the same farm all of his life, grew tired of it all. He longed for a better farm, the kind he had always dreamed of. So, he decided to sell the farm.

He listed the farm with a good realtor. The realtor prepared an ad to sell the farm at the best possible price. Before publishing the ad, the realtor read it to the farmer. The ad spoke of all the farm's advantages, such as its ideal location, good water, modern equipment, rich soil, and fine stock. Upon hearing it, the farmer decided not to sell after all. "All my life I've been looking for a place like that," said the farmer, "I think I'll keep it." The thing the farmer yearned for the most was what he had always possessed.

All of us must learn to be more satisfied with what we have and limit our yearning for more. To desire what we do not have causes us to forget or play down our present blessings. Blessings are always there if we just take the time to notice and appreciate them. The secret is to learn to be satisfied with what we have, especially when those things are adequate to meet our needs. Paul learned this secret of happiness in Philipians 4:11-12, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full



and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." He had already said in Philipians 4:6, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

- Frank Berthold,
The Biblical Messenger, San Angelo, TX

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Grant me, O Lord the strength today
For every task which comes my way;
Cover my eyes and make me blind
To petty faults I should not find.

Open my eyes and let me see
The friend my neighbor tries to be;
Teach me, when duty seems severe,
To see my purpose shining clear.

Let me at noontime rest content.
The half-day bravely lived and spent;
And when the night slips down, let me
Unstained and undishonored be.

Grant me to live this one day through
Up to the best that I can do.
- Author Unknown -

THE BIBLE

- ▶ is God's own letter to man.
- ▶ is the source of our information concerning eternal life.
- ▶ is our guide for daily living.
- ▶ is the final word in matters of religion.
- ▶ tells of the truth which will set us free from sin.
- ▶ gives us strength and comfort.
- ▶ tells us how to live happily.
- ▶ is the center of our education.

Are you studying
the Bible regularly?
- (Adapted) Bulletin Digest -

The best place to put your troubles is in your pocket — the one with the hole in it.

News & Notes

PETITION: Today is the last day to sign the petition regarding the design of the Flight 93 Memorial which includes four points of Islamic Symbolism. The petition is to request a Congressional investigation and a new design that honors our American heroes. Sign at desk in foyer. Petitions will be mailed tomorrow.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

PANTRY: All items needed. Help restock the pantry.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those undergoing medical treatments or diagnostic testing.

REMEMBER THESE SHUT-IN'S: Virginia Rickerd, Fred Larrimore, Jr.

SICK: Weirton Medical Center: Larry Nice (son of Harry & Imogene Nice).

AT HOME: Scharlotte Cyphers, Bill Wright, Dan Williams, Linda Parkes, Harry & Imogene Nice, Ruth Brewer, Bette Gentry, Bertha Seman. Brightwell Nursing Home, Follansbee: Gary Evans. Check the bulletin board for those in nursing homes and confined to their homes who also need to be remembered.

WHAT KEEPS US FROM WORSHIP?

From years ago, I remember this quote from a sermon: "All too frequently we let the slightest little thing keep us from worship." The preacher was commenting on those who let little things keep them from attending an assembly. I wonder if the same statement might have as much applicability to us who do attend. What are the factors that keep us from worshipping?

These three things certainly would:

- No thought of worship
- No heart to worship
- No will to worship.

Our worship is hindered, if not stopped completely, when any of these factors is present. We need not focus on anyone else's failures on these points; our own are glaring enough. Because of that we must cultivate the mind that longs to worship God. We must tear down the barriers that keep us from openly expressing the feelings of our heart in a worship response. And we must exercise our will to worship even in the times when we're looking for an excuse to do otherwise.

Charles Wesley began one hymn poem with the thought, "O for a heart to praise my God." Give us that heart, Lord.

- Tom Chapin, Little Rock, AR, via Lifelines, Church of Christ, Bella Vista, AR

MEETINGS

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| Steelton | ----- April 20-24 | ----- Steve Stevens |
| Weirton Heights | ----- April 20-24 | ----- Will Montgomery |
| East Liverpool | ----- May 4- 8 | ----- Steve Snider |
| Mooresville | ----- May 4- 9 | ----- F. Higginbotham |