

4. Read 1Timothy 6:6-10.

A. What are we to be content with and why?

B. What can happen if we are discontent with what we have?

5. Read Philippians 4:11-13.

A. What does it mean to you to be “*abased*”?

B. What does it mean to you to “*abound*”?

C. How do you think Paul learned contentment?

6. Allow the Lord to speak to your heart as you thoughtfully read these soul-searching questions.

- Are you willing to accept the plans God has for your life, whatever they may be?
- Are there any areas of your life in which you have unfulfilled desires that lead you to be discontent?
- Do you feel content with what you have, or are you discontent; continually yearning in your heart for more?
- Does your spiritual contentment depend upon your satisfaction with your material possessions?

7. How does **Hebrews 13:5-6** speak to your heart?

8. What instructions do **Proverbs 3:5-8** give you when you are looking to change your present circumstances?

*To live peacefully and contentedly in any circumstance is God's desire for all His children. There are times when our desires, perhaps to be married or have children, can be so strong we may feel overpowered by them. Don't be afraid to pour your heart out to the Lord. He desires to listen to you and to show you how to find peace and contentment that only comes from Him. Remember that **He is good** and that **He is for you!***

9. What instructions do **Philippians 4:6-7** and **Matthew 6:25-34** give for finding contentment and peace?

10. How do the following passages encourage you in trusting the Lord to take care of your desires?

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Psalm 145:14-21

Psalm 34:8-10

Psalm 68:19

*“In acceptance, lieth peace.”
Amy Carmichael*