

A serene landscape featuring a single tree on a small island in a calm lake, with the word 'CONTENTMENT' overlaid in white serif font.

CONTENTMENT

A grayscale photograph of a single tree on a small island in a lake. The tree is a conifer, possibly a spruce or fir, and is perfectly centered on the island. The water is very still, creating a clear reflection of the tree and the island. The background shows a dense forest on the far shore. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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1 Timothy 6:6-7 (ESV)

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#teamgoals:

1. Better understanding of what Biblical contentment is
2. The importance of being content
3. What are 4 ways we can begin to experience contentment

1 Timothy 6:6-7 (ESV, emphasis added)

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Godliness: Greek word is eusebeia (*yoo-seb'-i-ah*)

- Piety towards God. Or, a reverence and love for God is.

John 3:16-17 (ESV)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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Contentment: Greek word is autarkeia (*ow-tar-ki'-ah*)

- A perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is needed.
- Satisfaction or sufficiency

Contentment...

God provided trust and satisfaction
in the person and work
of Jesus Christ.

(Jn 3:16-17, 1 Cor 15:20, 1 Tim 6:6, Lk 19:10, Phil 2:8)



PURSUE GODLINESS

1. PRAY for more faith

- *“I believe; help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24)*

2. MEDITATE on God’s promises

- *“I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways
(Psalms 119:15)*

3. PEER MANAGEMENT

- *“Encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Thess 5:11)*

4. LIVE SACRIFICIALLY

- *“Do not be haughty but associate with the lowly” (Rom 12:16)*

What is Biblical Contentment?

God provided trust and satisfaction in the person and work of Jesus Christ

- *A perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is needed*
- *Rest or quietness of mind in the present condition*

Why is it important?

- **For the glory of God**
- So that we can sing: *“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand!”*

How can we begin to learn contentment?

- Pursue Godliness**
 - Pray for more faith*
 - Meditate on God’s promises*
 - Peer Management*
 - Live Sacrificially*

2 Corinthians 9:8 (ESV)

And God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,
you may abound in every good work.

1 John 5:4-5 (ESV)

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5) Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

