

## Pastor's Corner

***Are You Content?***

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Dear Friend,

I've been thinking contentment recently. It seems like that is something that a lot of us are striving for, but seems to be missing in our lives. Another word for contentment is being satisfied. Are you satisfied with what you have? Are you content?

Looking at my life, I find that discontentment, or not being content, frequently creeps up. In fact, it's a temptation that pulls at my mind on a daily basis, sometimes even hourly. I'm not content with my bike; it's too heavy. My computer screen is not as vivid as the one I saw at the store. My quad only has 300cc, but I saw one for sale with 660! If I could only get a lighter climbing rope, then I'd be satisfied! And the list goes on and on for me!

As I listen to others, I see the same little fiend of discontent pulling at their hearts as well. "I only got a B on my test." "I'm too fat; if I was only 15 pounds lighter!" "I'm not muscular enough." "My house is too small." "I need to get a bigger sofa; this room looks naked!" "The new cars have an automatic opening system that mine doesn't have." "My car looks like everyone else's; I want a '66 Mustang."

Contentment comes from the word content. But have we gotten content (as in "*are you content with that?*") confused with content (as in "*what's the contents of your glass?*")? We seem to think the content will makes us content. And when the content doesn't quite satisfy us, we continue on this never ending journey of seeking contentment.

Think about it for a moment. What would make you satisfied right now? Is it the same thing that would make you content last month? Last year? We sure are like children sometimes, aren't we? "Mother, if you just buy me this bike, I will never ask for anything again! This is what I've always wanted!" And yet, just days after receiving their new toy, our children are just like us; they want something more. Never satisfied.

Next week, let's take a close look at how we can be satisfied. It's actually possible! But until then, I want you to think about this: rate yourself on a scale of one to ten. With ten being absolutely content, and one being the most discontented, most dissatisfied person on the planet! Where are you?

Have a great week, and remember,

We're praying for you!

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