

Be Content

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." --Hebrews 13:5

There is a story of a rich industrialist who walked past a fisherman one day. He was irritated to find the man sitting lazily beside his boat instead of out at sea. The rich man asked, "Why aren't you out there fishing?"

The fisherman replied, "Because I've caught enough fish for today."

The rich man asked, "Why don't you catch more fish than you need? There's still more work to be done."

The fisherman responded with, "What would I do with them once I caught them?"

"You could buy a better boat so you could go deeper into the sea and catch more fish," the rich man impatiently replied. "You could purchase nylon nets, catch even more fish, and make even more money. Eventually, you'd have a fleet of boats, people to do the work for you, and be rich like me."

After quietly contemplating, the fisherman asked, "Then what would I do?"

"You could sit down and enjoy life like I am," the industrialist said.

Looking placidly out to sea, the fisherman replied, "What do you think I'm doing now?"

The Apostle Paul said to the church in Philippi, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ...I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:11-13).

Whatever situations come your way—good or bad—find your strength in the Lord and learn to rely on Him for provision. It's often hard to have faith that He will provide in times of need, but rejoice in what He has given you thus far in your current situation, and trust completely in His timing.

PRAYER CHALLENGE: Ask the Lord to make you content in life whatever circumstances come your way.