

God Is Enough

Philippians 4:11,19; James 1:17

There it is, mingled in your daily mail. The large, brown envelope declares: "You may already be a winner!" If you're like most people, you probably open it, then begin dreaming about the wide array of prizes that could be yours just for returning the enclosed entry card. You're invited to choose the type of luxury automobile you desire, and decide if you want the millions in a lump sum or twenty yearly installments. Without a doubt, the creators of these mailings do a great job of helping us envision what life might be like if we had everything we ever wanted.

But would such good fortune really make for a happier life? Would we be more satisfied if every earthly desire was met? When we begin our relationship with Christ, He gives us a new perspective, one that looks to Him for provision and contentment. This outlook allows us to maintain incredible joy no matter our current circumstances, and not be crushed or disillusioned when the things of this world elude us. Instead, we can echo with the Apostle Paul these incredible words of divine confidence and trust found in Philippians 4:19.

My God will meet all your needs, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Note that this verse doesn't go into specifics regarding what we will have or lack. Nor does it indicate that it's better to be rich, or poor for that matter. It's simply a statement of confidence that God will bring into our lives everything we need to live and function according to His plans for us.

In essence, God changes our definition of the word "contentment" when we follow Him. We can now be at peace with our circumstances no matter where we find ourselves. If we have plenty, we rejoice in the opportunity to use those resources to help others and further His kingdom. If we're experiencing hard times, we rest in the assurance that God will provide in His way and His timing. He allows us to break free from the overpowering tendency to seek money as the answer to a happy, fulfilled life. Once we've experienced true life in Him, we know that, indeed, He is enough.

Why do you think people struggle to be content with what they have? Why do we tend to want more money and possessions, no matter how much we already have?

Are you content with what God has given you at this point in your life? Explain.

Do you think you could be content with your life if God never gave you more than just enough to "get by," or if you never possessed more than you do right now? Explain.