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Philippians 1:6

"being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Romans 12:2

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."

1 Thessalonians 5:23

*"May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole **spirit, soul and body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it."*

The Jesus life is not about perfection, but it is about being in process to look more like Jesus.

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."

John 8:44-45

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

LIE#1 If I could just have _____ then I would be happy.

LIE #2 I deserve _____ and I want it now.

Proverbs 22:7

"The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender."

LIE #3 My self-worth is based on my net worth.

If we think how the world thinks, we will get what the world has.

Contentment is that sense of peace and joy that we can have with **who** we are and with **what** we have in **any** situation.

Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Philippians 4:11-13

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. 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. ¹³ I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

1) Contentment is learned

Philippians 4:8

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

2) Contentment begins with gratitude

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

When we are grateful for what we **do** have, it can keep us from being distracted about what we **don't** have.

3) Being content isn't learned by having more but in giving more

Acts 20:35

"... remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

4) We can be content in Jesus because He is always enough

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

