

# PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

A person with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and valleys under a clear sky.

Deep-Rooted Satisfaction

# Deep-Rooted Satisfaction = Contentment

Being satisfied with whose we are, who we are, what we have, and where we are going.

# 1 Timothy 6:6-10 NIV

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with **contentment** is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

# Contentment or Complacency?

## Mathew 25:14-18 NIV

<sup>14</sup> “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money

# Contentment Versus Complacency

Contentment acts.

Contentment chooses.

Contentment is healthy

Complacency watches.

Complacency ignores.

Complacency...well, it can be toxic.

## Contentment says:

*"I will accept what God has given me and make the most of it."*

*"I'm grateful for where I am, but I know I can achieve more."*

## Complacency says:

*"This is good enough because I cannot do anything to make it better."*

*"I'm happy with where I am. I've worked hard to get here, so I'll just enjoy my success."*

# Contentment or Self-Satisfaction?

## Luke 12:15-21 NLT

<sup>15</sup> Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. **Life is not measured by how much you own.**” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. <sup>17</sup> **He said to himself,** ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll sit back and **say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”**”

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ <sup>21</sup> **“Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”**

# Q. What can we NOT do without?

- 1. Having an identity**
  - 2. Finding Purpose in Life**
  - 3. Being free**
  - 4. Having Hope**
  - 5. Love**
- ...???**

# 1. Confident Hope

## Hebrews 13: 5-6 NIV

<sup>5</sup> 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.”

<sup>6</sup> *So we say with confidence*, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”



## 2. Rest

### Psalm 127:2 NLT

<sup>2</sup> “It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; **for God gives rest to his loved ones.**”

# 3. Preservation

## Mark 8: 36-37<sub>NLT</sub>

<sup>36</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?

<sup>37</sup> **Is anything worth more than your soul?**

*A content person is free from the sins of comparison, competition, and jealousy.*

# The Secret Of Contentment

## Phil 4:10-13 NIV

“<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, **for I have learned to be** content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”**

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