

Be Satisfied and Contented with Jesus

What truly satisfies? One of the greatest deceptions we face is to think that we can get satisfaction in things, or this world. The truth is, nothing satisfies. True satisfaction is not found in things or in people. You will always want more. We were not created or wired to derive satisfaction from this fallen world.

Satisfaction can be defined as a state of fulfillment or contentment.

We live in a fallen world. Right? So, the satisfaction of the world has also fallen. Fallen world = fallen satisfaction.

Sex? Money? Power? Riches? Poverty? Houses, cars? — Nothing! If your mission or vision in life is ambition, you won't be satisfied. If your vision or mission in life is ambition, you will not be satisfied. Simply discover what God called and created you to do and do exactly that, and be content.

One of the most prolific things we need to develop in our walk with God is contentment—that **Jesus is enough**. If Jesus is not satisfying to us, nothing will.

This message is designed to arouse and help re-prioritize our passion and love for the Lord above everything else. If everything else fell apart in your life, would you still be satisfied with Him?

Text: John 14:5-9 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? [6] Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. [7] If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. [8] Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. [9] Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

- a) How is it possible that Phillip (3rd Disciple of Jesus and directly appointed and found out by the Lord) was not satisfied with the Lord, yet he walked with him daily?

- i) This reveals that it is possible to know a lot about a person and yet not know that person intimately. Phillip did not know the Lord well enough.
- ii) If you do not know the Lord intimately, you will not be satisfied. You will go through life chasing after all other things, and in the process, you will make many mistakes.
- iii) Decide that you will know the Lord, then you will be satisfied with Him and His will for your life.

Have you ever asked yourself this question: Why do I, or why do believers chase after the things of the world? The answer is simple. They are not satisfied with Jesus. If they were, the pursuit of earthly and worldly things begins to fade.

- b) Here in these verses, we see Philip wanting more than Jesus. Jesus made it clear that there was nothing more. Jesus was it. Philip was not satisfied with Jesus.
- c) Yes, a relationship with the Lord has benefits, but the most important benefit of having a relationship with God is—a relationship with God. Nothing else.
 - i) Nothing comes close to that. We need to continually remind ourselves of this lest we lose focus.
- d) There are things we won't do if we are truly satisfied with Jesus.
 - i) Our pursuits, dishonesty, deception, cheating, and plundering are all down to people not being satisfied with Jesus.
 - ii) The way we walk in life, our dealings with others, speak volumes about where our **heart and satisfaction** are. Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."
 - iii) Because we are satisfied with Jesus, there is a place for us to allow ourselves to be defrauded for the sake of the Gospel and the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:7).

1. James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

a) Not knowing the Lord leads to a lack of satisfaction and loving the world.

2. 1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

An accurate conclusion about loving the world is If you love the world, you will:

a) Enemy of God

b) Won't know the Lord

c) Won't be satisfied.

3. Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

a) One of the reasons we aren't satisfied is that we aren't walking in the fear of God.

i) When we depart from evil, which is the fear of God, we will live and stay satisfied. If we aren't abiding satisfied, one place to look is our fear of the Lord.

We need to continually remind ourselves of the following:

4. John 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

a) Jesus is our everything and fulness

i) Because Jesus is everything, if you are satisfied with Him, you have everything, and you will abide satisfied. Jesus ought to be all we need.

ii) Lord, I'm satisfied with you. You are all I have ever needed. You are my joy, peace, provision, and all. Because I have you, I have it all. Thank You, Father.

5. Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

- a) Want joy, peace, love, recognition, provision, healing? Come to Jesus.
6. Proverbs 27:20 "Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied."
- a) If we understand this, we should stop seeking to be satisfied with things. The eyes of man are never satisfied. Even if we give them more, they will want more. We need to move our satisfaction from things to Jesus.
- b) Things do not satisfy.
7. Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and **the deceitfulness of riches**, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
- a) Many of us are distracted by the riches and the possession of the things of this life, which have affected our satisfaction with the Lord and our relationship with Him.
- b) We need to be cautious of these things that can hinder or interfere with our contentment with Jesus, which is rooted in knowing His Word. Whatever steals the word will soon rob our relationship with Jesus.
- i) Care of this world
ii) **Deceitfulness of riches**
iii) Lusts of other things
- c) Note that whatever steals the Word, chokes the Word, makes it unfruitful, also robs your satisfaction and contentment because they all come through the Word.
8. Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
- a) The pursuit of things, possessions, and the world can hinder your satisfaction and contentment.
- b) We need to be content with Jesus.

A man's worth, net worth or life is not measured by the abundance of the things he possesses.

- i) Not defined
- ii) Not made up of the abundance of possessions.
- iii) Our abundance must be in relationship with the Lord, not things of this life which perish and last not.

⇒ **The most important thing that has eternal value is our relationship with the Lord and knowing God intimately.**

9. Ecclesiastes 5:10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

a) If this is true for money, it is true for sex, wealth, power, and all these things that people would die for.

i) Seeking satisfaction in things is detrimental to our relationship with the Lord.

ii) If women or sex could satisfy, King Solomon would have been satisfied. He has

- o He had access to 1,000 women (700 wives and 300 Concubines), yet he was not satisfied.

10. Ecclesiastes 4:4 Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

a) Vanity, all vanity. The things people pursue above their relationship, and the pursuit of the Lord, are all vanity.

b) Are you single? Listen up! Marriage is awesome. Marriage is wonderful and the will of God, but it does not satisfy. If you are single and you think marriage will fix all your problems and satisfy you, you have missed the revelation of satisfaction, and it is not healthy for your marriage.

c) No man or woman has it in them to satisfy and bring contentment to another person. If you do not know this, you will keep seeking new spouses upon another. If Jesus is not your satisfaction, no man can.

11. Ecclesiastes 1:8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

- a) Both eyes and ears want more and more. Rather, fill your void with a relationship with the Lord. Drugs, alcohol, sex, and gambling—all do not, cannot satisfy. Only Jesus does.

12. Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

- a) You have it all. You are complete in Him. Be content and satisfied with Him because you are complete in Him.
 - i) In our born-again spirit man, we have all things. We are complete in the Lord. We need to be satisfied and content with Him.

13. What matters the most?

Philippians 3:7-10 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. [8] Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, [9] And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: [10] That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

- a) We need to remember what the priority is. Jesus is and should be our priority.
- b) One reason Paul was able to count all things loss is that he had made Jesus and knowing Him his number one priority—nothing else.
 - i) Knowing the Lord gave Paul satisfaction, and he was willing to walk away (and he did) from all things. He knew and had discovered that they could not satisfy.

- c) Counting all things loss and having Jesus as the priority is not a one-time thing but a continual attitude and act.

- d) One of the ways we count things as a loss is by keeping our mind stayed and set on the Lord to the point that we aren't troubled or bothered by a lack thereof.
 - i) If we keep our mind focused on the things of this world, we won't count them as a loss.

14. Better than all—Jesus is better than all things!

Jesus is better than wealth, riches, women, men, sex, and power. Jesus is better than the best thing this life and world can offer. You can be focused on Jesus and so satisfied with Him to where you will not think about sex, money, or power.

- a) Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.
- b) Ecclesiastes 5:10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

15. Take the whole world, but give me Jesus. Many times, we do the unspeakable only because we aren't content with Jesus. If Jesus does not satisfy, nothing can, and nothing ever will.

Philippians 4:10-11 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

- a) Learn to be content. It does not happen naturally. It is learned.
- b) We do not have to wait to have everything we need to be lined up for us to be content. It is a choice we must make.
- c) One of the reasons people steal money even in the church, in the ministry, and of course out there is because they are not content with their pay or something else.
 - i) People who are content or satisfied are not frauds, thieves, and/or crooks.
 - ii) You can be content no matter the situation you are in or the needs you have. Paul was, so can you!

- d) For you to be satisfied, you need to discover the **TRUE SOURCE** and look to Him alone. Jesus is the true source of contentment and satisfaction.
- e) Many people are looking at the wrong things, and people which partly explains why they are not satisfied.
 - i) Do not look to man, do not have your expectations in man. Have them in the Lord and look unto the Lord. If you put your expectations on man, government, husband, or things of this world, you will be disappointed, and you will be let down.
 - ii) **Put your expectation on God. Put your pressure on His Word to have your needs met.** Don't put pressure on man, on the government, on your man of God or spiritual leader. Man will let you down. Man is not your source. If you do not make God your source, you will be let down and disappointed.
 - iii) Be content with your relationship with the Lord, or grow into that place of being content with that. Stop seeking approval from the World.

16. 1 Timothy 6:6-8 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

- a) But godliness with contentment is great gain.
 - i) Godliness means "Godlikeness" or "Like-God."
 - o True godliness calls for contentment. Are you not content? You may possibly not be godly, because these two go together.
- b) For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
 - i) What did we have when we were born? Nothing! What do we take with us when we die? ZERO!
 - ii) This is a reminder for us not to be carried away with materialism.
- c) And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

- i) We all should be content with just the bare necessities. If we are not, we will fall into the trap of the love of Money which is the root of evil. This is not saying this is all you should have, but is saying that with just these basics, you should be content, happy, and satisfied.
 - ii) This is not saying that all you should have is clothes and food. God desires and blesses those who walk and seek Him according to Matthew 6:33. He wants you to prosper (3 John 2). This means more than just money and riches. It speaks of good health, financial prosperity, prosperity in the soul, and much more. All around prosperity.
 - iii) Many people think that everyone who desires to be prosperous is seeking their own.
 - o The truth is, true prosperity is for blessing others. It is not selfish!
 - iv) If you are thinking I have enough, I do not want anymore, you are clearly the selfish one. You should get more and give it away to those who have need and be a blessing to others. Your prayer should be to prosper far and above our needs to be a blessing to others.
- d) But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.
- i) If your pursuit is simply riches and you are not content, you are in trouble. You will fall into many snares, traps, and temptations of the devil, driven by your lusts. Many people have been destroyed due to a lack of contentment that drove them to seek riches instead of seeking the Lord. One of the key reasons, as seen in this passage, is a lack of contentment.
- e) For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
- i) Things cannot and do not satisfy. **True Satisfaction only comes when the needs of the heart are met.**
 - o That can take place regardless of what is happening in the physical realm.

- f) But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
 - i) We need to learn to be content. This starts with being content with Jesus. If Jesus is not enough, nothing else ever will. Being godly and content is a great gain. It is great wealth.
 - o If we aren't content with Jesus as the very source of contentment and godliness, we are missing out on the greatest wealth of all.
 - ii) If we aren't content with life or what we have, **chances are we aren't content with Jesus**. True contentment springs from being satisfied with Jesus and having a relationship with Him.
 - iii) This is not to say we should not desire to advance or improve. I'm not advocating complacency, but I'm saying that if we are content, the channels and means we use to advance or move up will have to be godly means.
 - iv) Flee and follow righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness. These virtues bring satisfaction because they are all found in the Lord.

If you are empty, NO thing on earth will ever fill that emptiness, but Jesus. Every man needs a relationship with Jesus to come to a place of contentment and satisfaction.

This is not permission to be mediocre or average, not to advance and grow; it is to point out the priority, which is the Lord.

Contentment is attainable, and satisfaction is achievable. A choice has to be made. It is learned and found first and foremost in the Lord. If Jesus is all you have, would you be satisfied? Would you be content with Him alone?

It's time to repent!