



ENVY: CRAVING VS CONTENTMENT

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Galatians 5:25-26 ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Story of Joseph and his brothers Genesis 37

You are the keeper of your soul

"You must arrange your days so that you are experiencing deep contentment, joy, and confidence in your everyday life with God"
Dallas Willard

Pursue Contentment:

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Be content with what you have

Be content with what you are experiencing

*The Bible calls us to **allow our convictions, not our circumstances, to govern our sense of contentment.***

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1 Corinthians 13:4

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So put away all malice and all deceit
and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

1 Peter 2:1

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

James 3:16

For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

Mark 7:21-23

What is envy?

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But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, *with these we will be content*

1 Timothy 6:6-8

Keep your life free from love of money,
and *be content with what you have*, for
he has said, "I will never leave you nor
forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5

**Be content with what
you are experiencing**

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I *have learned* in whatever situation I am *to be content*. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

Philippians 4:11-12

In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:12-13

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