

“When Discontent Is Good”

Lesson Text: **Acts 17:16-17.**

I. What Is Contentment? What Is Discontentment?

- **Contentment** - a resting or satisfaction of mind without disquiet. It is "internal satisfaction which does not demand changes in external circumstances."
(Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary)
- **Discontentment**- lack of satisfaction with one's possessions, status, or situation :
lack of contentment. (Webster).
- The Bible Teaches Us To Be Content- **Luke 3:14; Philippians 4:11-12;**
1 Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5.
- We Should Not Be Discontent In:
 - In Our Identity Or Who We Are— **1 John 3:1.**
 - In Our Jobs— **Colossians 3:22-24.**
 - In Our Possessions/Wealth— **Luke 12:15; Ecclesiastes 5:10-11.**
 - In Our Marriages— **Ephesians 5:25-33.**
 - In the Legitimate Pleasures of Life— **Hebrews 11:25; Ecclesiastes 2:24.**

II. Why Discontentment Is Good For Us.

- So We May Make Needed Changes To Be Right With God. **Philippians 3:4-8.**
- So We Stay Active In The Work, And Not Rest On Our Past Accomplishments.
- So That We Don't Grow Weary And Quit- **Galatians 6:9.**

III. Who Needs Discontentment? And Why?

- The Sinner With His Sin. **James 4:8-10.**
- The Follower Of False Religion. **Acts 19:21-41.**
- Every Follower Of Righteousness. **Matthew 6:33; 2 Timothy 2:22; Matt. 5:6.**
- The Christian Growing In Christ. **Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Peter 2:2-3.**
- The Church In Converting The Lost. **Acts 17:16-20; Rom. 1:14-16; Mark 1:17.**