

# Proverbs

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Choose To Be Happy



# A Word of Clarification

*“To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom,  
knowledge and happiness.”*      E c c l e s i a s t e s 2 : 2 6

*“Come and share your master’s happiness!”*

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# A Word of Clarification

*“To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.”*

Ecclesiastes 2:26

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# A Word of Clarification

**Happiness Is Good . . . Contentment Is Best!**

*“Godliness with contentment is great gain.”* I Timothy 6:6

*“A devout life does bring wealth, but it’s the rich simplicity of being yourself before God.”* The Message

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# Defining Contentment

CONTENTMENT DOES NOT COME WITH THE ACQUISITION OF WHAT YOU WANT, IT COMES FROM THE APPRECIATION OF HOW MUCH YOU ALREADY HAVE.

*“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”*

Philippians 4:11

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# Learned Contentment

## 1. I MUST NOT CONFUSE CONTENTMENT WITH CAPITULATION!

*“Commit your work to the LORD, and then your  
plans will succeed.”*

Proverbs 16:3

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# Contentment Takes Effort

*“Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied.”*     P r o v e r b s 13:4 (NLT)

*“Do you know a hard-working person? They will be successful and stand before kings.”*     P r o v e r b s 22:29 (LB)

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# Learned Contentment

## 2. I MUST REDEFINE WHAT IS IMPORTANT!

*“The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.”*      P r o v e r b s 1 0 : 2 2 ( N K J V )

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# Redefining Success

*“Enjoy the spouse of your youth.”*      P R O V E R B S 5 : 1 8

*“Envy rots the bones, but a heart at peace gives life to the body.”*      P R O V E R B S 1 4 : 3 0

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## 3. I MUST DEMONSTRATE PROACTIVE GENEROSITY!

*“The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”*

Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)

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## 4. I MUST CULTIVATE GODLINESS!

*“Don’t envy sinners, but always continue to fear the LORD. For surely you have a future ahead of you; your hope will not be disappointed.”*

Proverbs 23:17-28 (NLT)

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# The Benefits Of Holiness

*“The fear of the LORD leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.”*      P r o v e r b s 19:23

*“Whoever pursues righteousness ... will find life, godliness and honor.”*      P r o v e r b s 21:21 (NLT)

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# Learned Contentment

## 5. I MUST PRACTICE NOTICING!

*“A bowl of vegetables with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate.”*

Proverbs 15:17 (NLT)

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# Practice Contentment

*“People are about as happy as they choose to be!”*

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*“Be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, ‘I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.’”*

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