



Contentment, Gratitude and Generosity

Contentment, gratitude, and generosity are a _____, not a _____.

...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.

Philippians 4:12 (NIV)

Celebrate always, pray constantly, and give thanks to God no matter what circumstances you find yourself in. ...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (VOICE)

*One shares liberally and yet gains even more,
while another hoards more than is right and still has need.*

Proverbs 11:24 (VOICE)

What Generosity will do for you:

- **Gratitude** _____ **my heart towards God.**

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

- **Generosity counteracts** _____.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 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. 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. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:6-11 (NIV)

- **Generosity is an** _____.

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

Discussion Questions

1. Do you think of yourself as rich by your culture’s standards? By the world’s standards? Why or why not?
2. What does it mean to be rich in good works?
3. How can you better steward what God has given you to radically give to the desperate physical and spiritual needs in the world?
4. What are one or two things you could do differently to grow in generosity towards others?

Recommended Resources

- *Love Your Life, Not Theirs*, by Rachel Cruze
- *The Generosity Factor*, by Ken Blanchard and S. Truett Cathy
- *One Thousand Gifts*, by Ann Voskamp
- *Chasing Contentment*, by Erik Raymond
- *The Power of Christian Contentment*, by Andrew M. Davis