

## 6. Those Who Have Great Contentment in God Reveal an Accurate \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Four measurements to determine whether we actually know God. —J.J. Packer

1. Amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
2. Greatness of \_\_\_\_\_ about God.
3. Degree of \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ of contentment in God.

Jeremiah 29:13 *“And ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”*

“You worship God more by contentment than when you come to hear a sermon, or spend half an hour, or an hour in prayer, or sing a song. These are acts of God’s worship, but they are only external acts of worship, to hear and pray and sing. But contentment is the soul’s worship to subject itself thus to God...in active obedience we worship God by doing what pleases God, but by passive obedience we do as well worship God by being pleased with what God does.”—*The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## A Heart of Contentment

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**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### 1. What Does God \_\_\_\_\_ About Our Complaining Tongues?

A. Complaining and discontentment spring from an \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

Exodus 16:2 *“And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.”*

Numbers 11:1 *“And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.”*

B. Reasons people complain

1. To call attention to another’s \_\_\_\_\_
2. To vent some personal \_\_\_\_\_
3. To put someone else \_\_\_\_\_
4. To point out someone \_\_\_\_\_
5. To be \_\_\_\_\_
6. Just out of \_\_\_\_\_

James 3:2 *“For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.”*

## 2. Discontentment Can Allow Bitterness and Anger to Take \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 12:15 *"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."*

- A. Apart from God there isn't \_\_\_\_\_ love, peace, hope, friendship, or intimacy that will completely satisfy us.
- B. We will always want \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. Things We Can Be \_\_\_\_\_ About

- A. To \_\_\_\_\_ God  
Psalm 63:1 *"O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirst land, where no water is, to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary."*
- B. To be in God's \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm 84:2 *"My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God."*
- C. To be in \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Corinthians 2:9 *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."*

## 4. The Opposite of Discontentment Is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Contentment starts with the acceptance of present \_\_\_\_\_.  
Psalm 90:14 *"O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."*
- B. Our hearts are restless until they \_\_\_\_\_ in God.  
Psalm 17:15 *"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness."*
- C. Contentment elevates the godly life to one of \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 Timothy 6:6 *"But godliness with contentment is great gain."*

## 5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Woman

- A. The woman sets the temperature of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Proverbs 21:19 *"It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."*
- B. A woman holds within her the God-given ability to \_\_\_\_\_ the people around her.
- C. A contented woman has a \_\_\_\_\_ outlook on life.
  - 1. Believes that God has a \_\_\_\_\_ for her life.
  - 2. Knows that \_\_\_\_\_ have a purpose in spiritual growth.
  - 3. Sees life from God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4. Finds God's \_\_\_\_\_ for her no matter what everyone else is doing.