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# **STUDY 1: LIVING WITH ETERNITY IN VIEW**

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## **BACKGROUND**

**Author:** Paul the apostle, chosen by the will of God and sent to preach the gospel. He was assisted by Timothy. Col. 1:1

**Purpose:** He wrote the letter to fight against false teachings in the Church (Col. 2:18-23)

## **PART I: Set your mind on things above.**

### **Col. 3:1-3**

#### *STUDY 1: If ye then be raised with Christ ...*

##### **i. The Risen Christ**

- a. Jesus was raised up. Acts 2:24; 30-32; 1Cor. 15:1-3; Acts 13:32-35; Rom. 1:4
- b. We were raised with Christ. Rom. 6:1-11; Eph. 2:1; 4-6; Gal. 1:3-4
- b. If any man be in Christ. Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 2:10-13; 19; 20-22; Gal. 1:6; 1John 5:20
- c. Crucified with Christ. Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:3-5;

##### **ii. Risen with Christ**

- a. God's chosen. Col. 3:12; 1Pet. 2:9; John 15:16; Eph. 1:3-4
- b. Raised with Christ. Eph. 2:1, 4-6; Col. 2:11-15; Rom. 6:4;

- c. A living hope. 1Pet. 1:3; 1John 5:11-12; Col. 1:26-27; Rom. 5:3-5; 15:13
- d. The adoption of Sons. Gal. 4:5-6; Rom. 8:15-16
- e. Heirs of God. Gal. 3:29; Rom. 8:17

### **iii. Set your affection on things above**

- a. Looking unto Jesus. Heb. 12:1-2; Rom. 8:5-7
- b. Walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5:16-17, 25
- c. Seek the kingdom of God. Matt. 6:33; Psalms 37:4; Luke 17:20-21; Matt 19:21, Rom. 14:17; Phil. 3:20-21
- d. Not on the things on the earth. Rom. 5:5; 8:5-9

## **STUDY 2: *Where Christ is seated***

### **i. The assurance of victory**

- a. More than conquerors. Rev. 12:11; Rom. 8:17; 2Cor. 2:14
- b. The Mandate of dominion. Eph. 1:20-21; 2Cor. 10:4; Rom. 6:14; Luke 10:17, 19; Matt.10:1
- c. Authority in Christ. Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 2:6; 1:20-21; Mark 16:15-17; Psalms 91:13
- d. Death has no more dominion. Heb. 2:14-15; Rom. 6:8-10

### **ii. The promise of the Father**

- a. The infallible promise. Heb. 6:13-20; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; 1Cor. 2:9-12; Rom. 4:16

- b. The Spirit within. 1Cor. 3:16; 2Cor. 4:6-7; Eph. 2:19-22; Gen. 41:38; Dan. 4:8; 5:11-12
- c. Now are we the sons of God. 1John 3:2; John 1:12-13; 1Pet. 1:23

### **STUDY 3: *You are dead***

#### **i. You are dead**

- a. Dead to sin. Col. 3:3; Rom. 6:1-2, 11
- b. Dead to the world. Gal. 6:14
- c. Dead to the law. Rom. 7:3-6

#### **ii. Alive unto God**

Made alive. Eph. 2:1,5; Rom. 6:12-13; 8:10-11

#### **iii. Your lives are hidden with Christ**

## **PART II: Christ our Life. Col. 3:4**

**STUDY 1:** When Christ who is our life shall appear

#### **i. When He shall appear**

- a. His appearing. 2Tim. 2:8; 1Thess. 1:9,10; Titus 2:13
- b. Then shall we appear with Him. Col. 3:4; 1John 2:28-29; 3:2; Jude 14,15

#### **ii. He is our life**

- a. Our light and our Salvation. Psalms 27:1; John 1:4; 8:12; Acts 17:28; 1Cor. 1:2; 1 John 1:5-7
- b. The length of our days. Deut. 30:20; 1Cor. 1:30
- c. Life eternal. 1 John 1:1-2; 5:20;

## **PART III: The kingdom lifestyle. v5-25**

**STUDY 1:** Mortify your members which are upon the earth. Col. 3:4-9

### **i. Your members on the earth**

- a. The flesh. Rom. 1:28-32; 6:8; 7:14, 18-24;
- b. The works of the flesh. Gal. 5: 19-21; Rom. 8:12-13
- c. The futile mind. Rom. 1:21-22
- d. Works of Darkness. Rom. 13:12-13; Eph. 5:3-8, 11, Prov. 16:27-30; 1 Cor. 4:5

**STUDY 2:** Put on the new man. Col 3:10-14

### **i. Put on the new man**

- a. Put on the new man. Eph. 4:24-32
- b. Put on Love. Col. 3:14

### **ii. Put on Christ**

- a. Put on Christ. Rom. 13:14; Eph. 5:1-2
- b. The fruits of the spirit. Gal. 5:22-26; Eph. 5:9-10

**STUDY 3:** Let the peace of God rule. Col 3:15-17

### **i. The Peace of God**

- a. The rule of Peace. John 16:33; Phil. 4:9; Heb. 13:20-21; Rom. 16:20
- b. Called to Peace. Col. 1:2; 1Cor. 1:3; Rom. 1:7; Phil. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Rom. 15:33



c. Walk in Christ Col. 2:6-8; 1John 2:6, 8-11

**ii. Be thankful**

In all things. 1Thes. 5:18; Col. 2:6-7; 1Chro. 16:34;  
Heb. 12:28

**STUDY 4:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.  
**Col. 3:16; Jer. 15:16,**

- i. To keep you always from sin. Psa. 119:9-11
- ii. For direction. Psa. 119:105; John 6:35; Psa. 32:8;  
Isa. 43:16-19
- iii. To offers free counseling. Prov. 11:14; 15:22
- iv. To deliver in times of temptation. Matt. 4:1-11;  
1Cor. 10:13; 1Pet. 5:9; Psa. 119:11
- v. To remain nourished. 1Tim. 4:6; Matt. 4:4
- vi. To be complete and fully equipped. 2Tim. 3:16-17;  
Acts 20:32

**STUDY 5:** Relationships in the Household. Col. 3:18-25

- i. Wives, Submit to your own husband
- ii. Husbands, love your wives
- iii. Children Obey your parents
- iv. Fathers do not embitter your children
- v. Slaves obey your masters
- vi. Do whatever you do as unto the Lord

## **STUDY 2: THE VIRTUE OF PATIENCE**

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**TEXT:** Rom. 5:1-5, 2Pet. 3:8-14

### **INTRODUCTION**

Generally, virtue refers to moral excellence and encompasses those qualities that enable an individual live a noble and ethical life. In Christianity, virtues are seen as those essential qualities that reflect God's character and are developed through a personal relationship with Him. In this study, we shall trust God to help us understand and develop a lifestyle of patience. May the Lord lead us on in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **LET'S LOG IN**

1a. What is patience? Discuss. James 1:3-4, 5:7-11, Psa. 37:7. Contrast this with what patience is not.

Patience is the ability to wait, or to continue doing something despite the difficulties involved or to suffer without complaining or becoming annoyed, upset or angry. It is the exercise of self-control even when things don't go the way you hoped. It could also mean long suffering.

1b. Patience demands waiting.

Isa. 40:31, Psa. 40:1, James 5:7

We wait for things or we wait for people. Practically discuss some of the things we usually wait for in life; Employment, Healing from sicknesses, Admission, Travel and answers to other prayer issues.

2. Why do we need patience? - The necessity of patience.
  - i. It is one of the attributes of God. 2Pet. 3:9; Lam. 3:22-23, Prov. 14:29, Rom. 5: 1-3, 2Cor. 6:4-6
  - ii. Patience is one fruit of the Spirit. Luke 8:15, Gal. 5:22
  - iii. The virtue of Patience is highly rewarding. Heb. 6:13-15, Heb. 12:2, Phil. 2:5-11
3. God's people must cultivate the virtue of waiting and trusting.

As God's children, what should be our attitude while waiting? What can we learn from the following examples?

- i. Abraham and Sarah Genesis 12:1-4; 17: 1-2,21; 21:1-7, Heb. 11: 8-10
- ii. God's people in Egypt. Exodus 1:8-11; 2:23; 3:7-10; 12:31; 13:14-16
- iii. Job. Job 1:1-22, Job 2:1-10, Job 13:15-16, Job 42:10-16
- iv. Simeon. Luke 2:25-35

v. The Heroes of Faith waited patiently. Heb. 11:32-40

5. Through faith and patience, you will obtain the promise. Heb. 6:12

## CONCLUSION

If there is any virtue every believer must develop is that of patience. It is our prayers that God will help us to patiently wait on him and trust Him to perform His word and promises.

And also manifest the virtue of patience as we relate one to another and await His return. 2Pet. 3:14-15

## **STUDY 3: LIVING EPISTLES**

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**Text:** 2Cor. 3:1-3, 1Pet. 3:1-4

### **INTRODUCTION**

We must first understand that anything that is “living” has life and that life is contained within but it is expressed outwardly for people to see and testify that truly this is alive. An epistle can also be called a letter. A written document that communicates a message to an audience.

Believers are referred to as living epistles, letters that the living God has written within the hearts of men by His Spirit, which is made manifest through the life they live outwardly and is seen and read by all men. As we consider the topic LIVING EPISTLES, we trust that God will make us his letters that people will see, read and testify that we are truly from him.

### **LET’S LOG IN**

- 1 (a.) What (who) is a living epistle?
- (b.) Distinguish between living (New Testament) epistles and dead (Old Testament) epistles.
  - i. Old Testament Epistles. Luke 10:25-27, 2Cor. 3:6-7, Gal 3:10-11, 2:16,19, Rom. 3:19-20

- ii. New Testament Epistles. 2Cor. 3:1-3, 1Pet. 3:1-4, Gal. 3:13-14, 21-24, 4:3-5
- 2 (a.) What are the striking characteristics of the *Mosaic* Law? Exo. 20:18-21, 2Cor. 3:7-15, Rom. 3:19-20, Gal. 3:10-11. Discuss.
- (b.) What are the striking characteristics of the New Testament ministration? Discuss the implications. Read 2Cor. 3:1-18.
- i. Written by the Spirit not ink. 2Cor. 3:3, John 1:10-13, Jer. 31:33-34
  - ii. Not on tables of stone but the heart. 2Cor. 3:3, Deut. 6:6-9, Jer. 31:33-34
  - iii. It ministers life. 2Cor. 3:6-9
  - iv. Abides forever. 2Cor. 3:11
  - v. It has sufficiency in God. 2Cor. 3:4-5
  - vi. It is not veiled. 2Cor. 3:13-14
  - vii. It brings liberty. 2Cor. 3:15-17
  - viii. Known and read by all men. 2Cor. 3:2. What is the relevance of being read/known by all men?
- 3 (a.) Discuss the power, potency and efficacy of the inner life in ministry. John 1:14, Col. 1:25-28, 2Cor. 4:7-9, 3:1-6, 1Pet. 3:1-4
- 3 (b.) How can we release this life. 2 Cor. 4:10-12, Phil. 1:20-21, Gal. 2:20, 1Cor. 15:31, John 3:30, 12:3-8, 24; Mark 14:3-9, Luke 22:31-32

4. Why is it important to be a living epistle?
  - (a.) You are read by all men. 2Cor. 3:2
  - (b.) It carries the power to convert. 1Pet. 3:1-2, Psa. 19:7, Heb. 5:11-14
  - (c.) You will be known by your fruits. Matt. 7:15-23
  - (d.) You will be identified with Christ. Acts 11:26, John 13:34-35
  
5. How to stay fresh and sustain the outflow of this life?
  - i. Build altars. Gen. 12:7-8, 1 Kings 17:1, Psa. 91:1
  - ii. Commitment to study and apply God's word. Luke 4:16, Acts 6:7, 19:2; John 1:14
  - iii. Maintain fellowship with other believers. Eccl. 4:9-12, Acts 2:42-47
  - iv. Keep in step with the Spirit. Rom 8:14
  - v. Abide, and depend on God. John 15:1-5, 2Cor. 12:9, Prov. 3:5-7
  
6. How can one become a living epistle? To become a living epistle there are necessary steps that you must take.
  - d. Receive the life. John 3:3-6, John 1:12-14, 1John 5:11-12, Rom. 10:9-10
  - e. Grow the life. 1Pet. 2:2, Acts 20:32
  - f. Sustain the life.

## Sustaining this life is by:

- i. Study of the word. Josh. 1:8, 2Tim. 2:15, John 8:30-32
  - ii. Meditation. Josh. 1:8, Psa. 1:2
  - iii. Storing the word in your heart. Psa. 119:11
  - iv. Purging yourself. John 15:3; Heb. 9:14; 2Tim. 2:19-22; 1John 1:7,9.
  - v. Renewing your mind. Rom. 12:1-2
  - vi. Prayer and fellowship. Acts 2:42; 1John 1:7; Heb. 10:25.
  - vii. Practicing and teaching the word. Ezra 7:10; Matt. 7:21-25; James 1:22-25; Luke 11:28; Acts 1:1
7. When is one a living epistle? Psa. 119:9, James 2:14-26, Matt. 25:31-46, Luke 10:25-37, John 1:14, Acts 1:1

## CONCLUSION

We must keep manifesting the life of God daily, being a living epistle is not only through the intake of the word but also by practicing and teaching others by the life you live daily.



## **STUDY 4: TAMING THE TONGUE**

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**Text: James 3:1-10, James 1:19, 26**

### **INTRODUCTION**

One of the most powerful tools that God has given man is the tongue. Yet, no weapon has been used and abused as much as the weapon of words. It behooves us as Christians to study and know when and how to deploy this weapon positively to the glory of God, the betterment of our lives and the edification of the church generally. We trust God to encounter us in a way that will transform us permanently for good through this study.

- 1a. Words may be spoken or unspoken. Psalms 19:14, Genesis 17:17, 27:41, 1 Kings 12:26, Luke 7:39; 15:17-21
- 1b. What does it mean to tame the tongue? James 3:1-10, 1:19-26, Matthew 5:35-37
2. Discuss the battle to tame the tongue. James 3:7-12, 1:19-26, Proverbs 18:21, 21:23; Psalm 141:3
3. Why is it necessary/important to tame the tongue as believers?
  - i. We shall give account of our words. James 3:1, Matthew 12:36-37

- ii. Words are powerful. Prov. 18:21, James 3:5. Discuss the power of the tongue.
- iii. The tongue is dangerous. Prov. 16:27, James 3:6. Discuss the implication of the tongue as fire.
- iv. The tongue is unruly. James 3:7-8. What does this imply?
- v. Why do you think it is difficult to tame the tongue?

Words are responsible for wars and peace, for building relationship and for destroying same. Words like an egg, once broken cannot be gathered together again.

#### **4. Counsels about the tongue**

- i. Mind your thoughts. Matt. 15:11, Psa. 19:14, Prov. 4:23
- ii. Speak with wisdom. 1Sam. 25:5-13,17-35, Eccl. 10:10-13
- iii. Beware of pride. Psa. 12:2-4, Prov. 27:2
- iv. Most troubles are caused by words. Psa. 34:12-13, Prov. 22:10
- v. Make friends with the king. Prov. 22:11
- vi. Be Conscious of your priestly mandate. Mal. 2:7
- vii. Learn quietness; mind your business. 1Thess. 4:11, Prov. 17:28

## 5. Some wrong ways to use the tongue.

- i. Swearing. Matt. 5:33-36, James 5:12
- ii. Blasphemy. Col. 3:8 Lev. 24:16, Matt. 12:31
- iii. Filthy Language. Col. 3:8, Eph. 4:29, Eph. 5:4-7
- iv. Lies. Col. 3:9, Eph. 4:29, Lev. 19:11, Psa. 101:7, Psa. 19:5,9; John 8:44, Rev. 21:27, Rev. 22:15
- v. Evil Speaking/Railing. Eph. 4:31, 1Pet. 3:9, Titus 3:2
- vi. Guile/deceit. 1Pet. 3:10, Psa. 5:6, Psa. 10:7, Isa. 53:9; Psa. 120:2, 32:2, Psa. 34:13
- vii. Rash/Harsh/Bitter words. Psa. 106:33, Rom. 3:13-14
- viii. Curse. Rom. 3:14, Matt. 5:22
- ix. Gossip / backbiting / slander. 2Cor. 12:20, Prov. 16:28; Lev. 19:16, 1Tim. 5:13; Rom. 1:29-30

## 6. Discuss the practical steps we can take to tame the tongue.

- i. Say what you mean and mean what you say Matt. 5:37, Deut. 23:23. Be a person of integrity. Honor your word.
- ii. There is time for everything. Eccl. 3:7
- iii. Be a man of few words. Prov. 10:19, Eccl. 10:14; Prov. 13:2-3
- iv. Think before you speak. Prov. 16:23 GNT, Prov. 29:20, 18:13

- v. Be gracious, speak to edify. Prov. 16:24, Col. 4:6, Eccl. 10:12-13, Songs 4:11, Prov. 25:15, 15:1
- vi. Be honest and truthful. Prov. 12:17, 19-22
- vii. Recognize the power of purpose. Psa. 17:3
- viii. Rely on the Holy Spirit. John 16:13-14
- ix. Prayer changes people. Exo. 4:10-12
- x. Yield your members. Rom. 6:13-14

## CONCLUSION

The new creation man is a man that is not just in control of his desires but also his members especially the tongue. As difficult as it may seem, it is possible to tame the tongue. It is the will of God that we are not found wanting in this area also.

## STUDY 5: THE MIND OF CHRIST

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Text: Phil. 2:5

### INTRODUCTION

The human mind is the faculty of the brain that performs such functions as thinking, understanding, desiring, judging etc. It regulates the thought pattern of a man's life which in turn determines the actions of his life. In other words, our thoughts control the direction of our lives. Prov. 23:7.

This study on the mind of Christ is a challenge to become like Christ by cultivating His mindset, mentality and thought pattern. Our consciousness, perception, wills, actions and indeed our entire lives can only resemble that of Christ when and only when our minds have become like His. May the Lord give us understanding and grant us this experience as we study on.

### LET'S LOG IN:

#### 1. Theology of the mind:

In the Bible, the word interpreted as mind occurs as:

*Nous* - Greek word for disposition, inner orientation or moral attitude – Eph. 4:17

- Functional reason, moral consciousness that determines will and action. Rom. 7:22-25
- Understanding, knowledge faculty, seat of wisdom. Phil. 4:7

***Kardia*** - Greek word for heart as the organ of the body. Also used for the inner being. 2Cor. 9:7, Mark 7:21 and Act 12:23

So generally, the words are used interchangeably. For the purpose of this study, we shall retain this interpretation. Deut. 6:5, Matt. 12:30, Mark 12:33.

2. Examine the nature and characteristics of the natural mind. Rom. 8:15-14, Col. 1:21, Titus 1:15-16, Phil. 3:17-19, Eph. 4:17-20, James 4:4-5, Gen. 6:5-6, Jer. 17:9-10; 1Cor. 2:10-16
- 3a. What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? Rom. 8:5-14, Gal. 5:16-18, 24-26; Rom. 6:6-14, Gal. 2:20
- 3b. Does this mind come automatically, spontaneously or instantaneously on the believer? Differentiate between the new birth experience and that of having the mind of Christ. Ezek. 36:24-27, John 2:23-25, Gal. 4:19 Gal. 4:1-2, Phil. 2:5-9, Isa. 9:6, John 3:1-7

4. Discuss the manifestations of the mind of Christ.

i. **Humility.** Phil. 2:6-8, Matt. 11:29, John 13:13-15, 1John 2:6; Matt. 20:25-28

**Proofs of His humility:**

- He left His glory. John 17:5, 2Cor. 8:9
- Was made in the likeness of men. John 1:14, Rom. 1:3; Gal. 4:4, Heb. 2:14, Luke 2:52
- Was obedient unto death. Matt. 26:39, John 20:18, Heb. 5:8, 12:2
- Submitted to earthly authority and was even abused. 1Pet. 2:11-20, Matt. 17:25-27, Luke 2:48-52, Matt. 13:54-57
- Died a shameful death on the cross. Psa. 22:1-2, 6-15, Isa. 53:3-10, Gal. 3:13
- Gave up His rights for the glory of God. Phil. 2:5-6, John 17:5, John 5:19, 30, John 8:26, John 10:17-18, Luke 19:10
- Took the form of a servant. Mark 10:22-45, Luke 22:27, Matt. 20:15-28, John 13:4-5, 13-15
- Did not seek his glory or interest. Rom. 15:1-3, John 5:30
- Made himself of no reputation. Rom. 12:3

ii. **His will:**

Christ had a will of His own. John 5:30, 6:30, Isa. 53:7; Matt. 26:39

He gave up his will. Phil. 2:8-11, Matt. 3:17, John 8:29; Matt. 26:39

- iii. **Handling earthly honour/fame.** John 6:15, John 18:33-37; Matt. 4:8-10, John 7:3-4, Prov. 4:25; Psa. 119:37, Isa. 33:15, Josh. 7:21
- iv. **Forgiving.** Matt. 6:14-15, Eph. 4:32, Luke 22:47-53, 23:34; 1Sam. 24:1-17, 1Sam. 26:1-23

5. How can we cultivate the mind of Christ?

- i. A new birth, a new heart. John 3:3-7, Ezek. 36:26, Psa. 51:7,10; Eph. 4:17-22, 2Cor. 4:3-6
- ii. Break up you fallow ground. Jer. 4:3-4, Hos. 10:2, Joel 2:13; Psa. 34:18, Isa. 57:15
- iii. Circumcise your heart. Deut. 10:16-17, Col 2:11-13; Josh. 5:2-3, Rom. 2:28-29
- iv. Set/Let the mind. Rom. 8:5, Col. 3:1-3, 10-12, 15-16, 1 Pet 4:7, Phil. 3:15-16; 1Pet. 4:1-2  
What does it mean to set the mind? Discuss how we can practically set our minds.
- v. Feed/fill the mind. Josh. 1:8, Psa. 1:1-3, Phil. 4:6-8, 1Pet. 2:2, Psa. 119:11, Eph. 5:17-20, Heb. 8:10
- vi. Learn the mind of Christ. Matt. 11:29-30, Luke 11:1, Heb. 12:2-3, 1Cor. 11:1, Phil 3:16-17, 2Cor. 3:16-18, Gal. 5:16-18; Rom. 8:1, 13-14
- vii. Carry your Cross daily. Luke 9:23-25, Gal. 5:24, 6:17; 1Cor. 15:31



viii. Depend on the Holy Spirit. John 16:13-15, Rom. 8:8-10,13-14; John 15:4-5, Gal. 5:16-18, 25

## CONCLUSION

To have the mind of Christ should be the ultimate goal of every believer. For if we have the mind of Christ, we will think, act and live like him. To live and walk in victory over sin, the flesh, the world and the devil every day, we must possess the mind of Christ and make it our everyday experience. May God grant this to happen to us in Jesus' name. Amen.

## STUDY 6: CONTENTMENT

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Text: Phil. 4:11-12

### INTRODUCTION

The word contentment comes from *Autarkes*, which is a combination of two Greek words - Auto meaning – self, and *Arkeo*, meaning - sufficient, independent of circumstances.

Contentment therefore is a state of being at peace, rested and satisfied with what you have, who you are or where you are in life irrespective of the circumstances. It is the state of being secure because you know that God is sovereign, cares for you and will work things out in your best interest.

### LET'S LOG IN

1. Discuss contentment according to your own understanding.
2. Discuss contentment from the perspective of scriptures. Phil. 4:12-13

It is not laziness or forced obedience.

3. What is the necessity for contentment? Why should we be contented as children of God?

- i. It is a sign of gratitude for what you have. 1Thess. 5:18, Heb. 13:5
  - ii. It shows trust in God's Sovereignty and ability to supply. Matt. 6:25-34
  - iii. It is the secret to inner peace. Phil. 4:7, Isa. 26:3
  - iv. It teaches humility. Luke 12:15
  - v. Shows faith in God's providence. Phil. 4:19
  - vi. Focus on eternal things. Correct sense of value. Col. 3:1-3, 2Cor. 4:18
3. What are the manifestations of discontentment and its causes?
- i. Grumbling/murmuring. Num. 14:1-10, 1Cor. 10:10
  - ii. Anxiety. Phil. 4:6, Matt. 6:27, 1Pet. 5:7, Luke 12:25-26
  - iii. Pride and Lust. 1John 2:16, Matt. 5:28, Gal. 5:16, 2Pet. 2:22, Prov. 6:25
  - iv. Greed/Covetousness. 1Tim. 6:6-10, Luke 12:16-20, Matt. 19:16-24
  - v. Jealousy/envy. Luke 15:25-32
  - vi. Pride. Prov. 16:18, Prov. 29,23, James 4:6, Phil. 2:3
4. How to learn contentment
- i. Christ-centred living. 1Tim. 6:6-12, Matt. 6:19-21, Col. 3:1-3, Matt. 11:28-30
  - ii. Be anxious for nothing. Phil. 4:8, Matt. 6:25-34

- iii. Count your blessings. Psa. 107:8-9, James 1:17, Psa. 103:2, Eph. 1:3
- iv. Confidence in God's promises. Heb. 10:35-37, Phil. 4:19-20
- v. Seek ye first. Matt. 6:33, Luke 9:57-62
- vi. Live one day at a time. Luke 12:32, Matt. 6:11, 34, Ezek. 16:4, 21-27

## CONCLUSION

May we live a life of contentment as we trust God to bring increase to us as His word has promised.



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**2 Corinthians 4:18**

***While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.***

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