



## Pastor's Comments

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### Contented & Thankful

A gentleman wished to sell a rather large estate that he owned. He had an agent write an advertisement telling about the estate. When the statement had been completed, the agent took it to the owner and read it to him. "Read that again," said the owner. The agent read the description of the estate once more. "I don't think I will sell after all," said the gentleman. "I have been looking for an estate like that all of my life, and did not know that **I owned it!**"

It seems to be a trait of human nature to become **discontented** with what we have, yet the Bible commands, "*And having food and raiment let us **be therewith content***" (I Tim. 6:8). **Contentment fosters thankfulness, but discontent breeds unthankfulness**, which we see all around us today. One of the characteristics of the last days will be that men will be "**unthankful**" (II Tim. 3:2).

The story is told of an older Christian woman in a poorly furnished cabin eating her humble meal. She was asked by a visitor, "Is this all you have, this scanty furniture, this humble home, and this poor food?" With a bright face she replied, "**I have all this and Jesus too!**" She, like the Apostle Paul, who said, "*I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith **to be content***" (Philippians 4:11), had learned the lesson of **true values!** Her remarkable expression of gratefulness and **thanksgiving sprang from her contentment**, which obviously was **rooted in her personal relationship with Jesus Christ!** You have **cause to be content if Jesus is with you** as Hebrews 13:5 states, "*Let your conversation (life style) be without covetousness (always wanting more); and **be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***"

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