

You can learn to be content with what you have

There is a poem entitled "Present Tense," written by Jason Laymen, that goes like this: "It was Spring, but it was Summer I wanted — the warm days, the great outdoors. It was summer, but it was fall that I wanted — the colorful leaves, the cool dry air.

"It was fall, but it was winter I wanted — the beautiful snow, a joyful holiday season. It was winter, but it was spring I wanted — the warmth, the blossoming of nature. "I was a child, but it was adulthood I wanted — the freedom, the respect. I was 20, but it was 30 I wanted — mature, sophisticated. "I was middle aged, but it was 20 that I wanted — the youth, the free spirit. I was retired, but it was middle aged that I wanted — the presence of mind without limitations. My life was over, but I never got what I wanted."



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All you have to do is turn on the television and you learn that we live in a society of complaints and discontent. People are pursuing happiness and never finding it. They are longing for contentment but never achieving it.

When you crack open your Bible to Philippians 4, God talks to us about living a content life. Did you know being content is a big deal to God? It is not just a noble virtue or a good character quality. According to the Bible, it is a command.

How do you live a content life? How do you have that mindset when

you don't have what you would like to have? Or worse, when you don't have what you need to have?

When things don't go the way you think they should? How do you have that attitude?

In Philippians 4:10-17, you find strands that make up the rope of contentment.

Remember, this was written by a guy who had been in jail for the past four years, falsely accused, chained to a Roman guard round the clock and lost his freedom and his ability to make money.

If anyone should be singing "Blue Moon," it is him. He has no money, or very little. He is living on a bare level, but yet he is content, for he

writes in verse 12, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. 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."

Did you catch it? He said he learned the secret. What is it? If we are going to be content then there are three things we must have:

First, have confidence in God's ability to provide for your needs. If you are going to be content, you must have that confidence. Verse 10 deals with that. It had been 10 years since the Philippians had done anything for Paul. He wasn't upset — he knew God was in control.

He realized they hadn't had an opportunity to help. Paul had a confidence in the sovereignty of God. He knew his life and his needs were in the hands of God.

Do you realize that? Until you understand that, you will always be discontent.

I have learned that a person who is discontent is always trying to move and finagle their own circumstances. Discontentment comes when you want to control everything. Understand that someone better and smarter than you and I is running this universe.

Secondly, be satisfied with a little (verse 11). He was content no matter what was facing him. That hits us pretty hard. We have everything in our culture except contentment.

There is a theory that says, as a general rule, the more a person has, the more discontent they become. Did you see the key word in verse 11? It is learned. You develop that, because it doesn't come natural. You have to teach yourself. How do you do it? Teach yourself to say,

"Enough!"

Contentment comes because you experience divine power (verse 13). I know some of you are sitting there reading this thinking it sounds good, but it's beyond my ability to do so — bingo!

So God says, let me help you: "You can do everything through Him who gives you strength." Get connected to divine power.

One last strand — be more concerned about others' well being than for your own (verses 14-17). Paul was always thinking of other people. He truly lives a J.O.Y. life — Jesus Others and You.

Are you content, or are you wanting? What can you go without this weekend, and what can you give away?

Check us out at calvarygospel.net or e-mail us at calvarycolumn@stel.net.

Couple stopped in Brewster on way back from South Dakota

The little bit of rain that we have been getting has been of some help, but we sure need a lot more. I talked to my brother in Kansas City, Mo., the other night, and they had a total of four inches over several days. I told him to send some our way.

Mark and Tabitha Samuelson from Rapid City, S.D., have been at Shepard's Air Base in Texas for some flight training and spent one night with his grandmother, Marg Westover, on their way back to Rapid City.

The Brewster Rebekah Lodge had their Friendship Day on April 27. There were six from St. Francis, four from Colby, six from Brewster and two state officers from Overland Park. The Brewster ladies served lunch.

We had a bigger than normal crowd for dinner and Bingo on Friday, with 16 for dinner and our monthly birthday cake.

On Tuesday, commodities will be in at 9 a.m., so don't forget if you are one of the families that receive them.

The Saturday morning Men's Prayer breakfast, is at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

On May 25, at 2 p.m., the Center will be honored to have Evelyn (Hoyt) Ward speak on the "Range War Era 1902-1905." Also Ray

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Imhof and Doris (Imhof) Johnson will talk on a book "As I Remember It," a memoir told by Esther Imhof and compiled by Ray and Doris.

Both should be very interesting to hear about, so mark your calendars, and I will try to remind you again before May 25. We will have some quilts on display, made by several local women. It should be a fun-filled afternoon.

Tom Aschenbrenner is still in the hospital in Hays. I don't know his address, but I'm sure if you send it to Brewster, he'll get it.

Dear child of mine, Today the future may look bleak or shadowy to you. But, oh, if you could only see what glorious plans I have for you, you would be rejoicing! These are plans to prosper you and bring you joy, not to hurt you nor humiliate you. All that I have planned has been motivated by my deep love for you.

Do not fret nor worry about every little detail of my plans right now. They will not be revealed to you today. But as you trust and walk with me one step at a time, I will reveal them to you.

Each day you will know what you need to know. And this much I can

tell you today: The purpose of my plan is that you be shaped and molded into the very image of my Son. That

is the high calling of your life.

So hold on through the darkness and trust me. I hold you in the hol-

low of my hand. Nothing comes to you without passing through the strong right hand of my righteous-

ness. All is well.

Your faithful Father, God. Romans 8:29.

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Calvary Gospel Church

Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor
Fourth & College • 890-3605
Sunday: Kid's Church: 10:30 am
Morning Service: 10:30 am
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.
Small Group Ministries meets through out the week.
www.calvarygospel.net

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal
307 W. 13th • 890-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
Sunday: 4 pm

Sonrise Christian Church

Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398
Minister: Charles E. Kerr, Jr.
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am
Team Puppeteers: 6 pm
Wednesday:
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm
Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

Word of Life

Joursquare Church
10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Sunday: Worship Celebration
and Kids' Church: 10:30 am
Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.
(during school year)

Pleasant Home Church

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Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70
Pastor: Charlie Busch
694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am
Sunday School: 10 am
Evening Service: 6 pm

Bible Baptist Church

Pastor: Michael Estep
Fifth & Broadway
890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

La Luz Del Mundo
Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

United Methodist Church

Brewster:
Pastor:
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST
Winona:
Minister: Rev. Bob Winters
Worship Service: 9 am CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups,
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship
Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing
Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler
Nurseries Available

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**United Methodist
Church**
Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Worship Service: 10:15 am

Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman
899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake
Fifth & Center • 890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:15 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m.
Call church for information
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.
For emergencies Wed. - Sun. 890-6969
Sr. Warden for emergencies
Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

Harvest Evangelical Free Church

104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth group
meets at 7 p.m.
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Jim Martin
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11 am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Pastor: Scott Grimshaw
Sunday: Christian eduction/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 am
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

Church of Christ

401 Caldwell
890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

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North Main

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208 W. 2nd

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3023 W. 31

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RULES

- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Nutrient"
- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star- News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 14th

Winner will be announced in the Friday, August 18th edition

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(If you have more than 50, please attach an additional sheet)

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