

In today's world, we sometimes tend to lean toward discontentment in our life situations. Just as Asaph saw the wicked prospering, we may look at other's health, wealth, and or success and feel that God has let us down. Hebrews 13:5 reminds us to "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

In Philippians 4:10-13, Paul also shares his key to being content.

Let's look at the contrast between our strength and God's strength. Psalms 73:26 states, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Asaph realized that he would fail on his own, but knew that God was his strength. The word for "strength" means "rock", and "portion" refers to land allotted to families. So, when the psalmist writes, "and my portion forever", he means the Eternal God is our inheritance.

Where are we on Asaph's contentment scale? The choice is up to us. Are we relying on ourselves for strength and contentment, or are we allowing God to be our refuge?

In I Timothy 6:6 & 7, it states "But Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it."

Challenge yourself: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -His good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2.

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Selah - Taking Pause in the Psalms

Psalm 73 - The Greener Grass

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Psalm 73

Envy will grab you

Pr 14:30

Envy will blind you

1Th 5:18 Heb 13:5

Envy is a downward spiral.

Determine Your Foundation Belief

Lu 24:27

Determine to be honest with God

Ps 142:2 Ps 77:2

Determine to connect with Father

1 Cor 2:9-10

Determine to live in God's provision

Mt 6:33

