

Living A Kingdom Lifestyle

Satisfaction Guaranteed

The popular thought Jesus would appear walking out of the desert one day, walk into Jerusalem as a **grown** man.

- And Jesus, who fulfills His promises, came as a little **baby**.
- The most content, satisfied person in the world is a sleeping **baby**.

Now there is an ability to live a kingdom lifestyle bringing a **satisfaction** nothing else can bring.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

Now if there are any people that should be satisfied, it should be the **citizens** of the United States.

However: I find very few people who are **satisfied** and **content** with their life.

Until I realized where satisfaction came from, I was **dissatisfied** too.

- * There were seasons of time where I wasn't content – I was **restless** in my heart.

** Quite a while ago, even having a type A personality, God showed me how to live a lifestyle of **contentment** and **satisfaction**.

As we move into the new year, you must realize your **children** are watching you.

1. Your children are trying to find out what satisfies you so they can live the **same** lifestyle.

It's called a lifestyle of the **kingdom** of God.

- The older your children get, the more they understand about **material** things.

2. I believe the greatest lifestyle we can live in front of our children is a life of **contentment** and **satisfaction**.

Satisfaction explained: That we believe and live a life that at all times, in all situations, in all circumstances, the hand of the Lord is upon me and I belong to Him - because of that lifestyle, I am **satisfied**.

It's based on the fact I **know** the Lord and the Lord knows me, and His hand is upon me.

Let me say this:

- * Your satisfaction is under **attack**.

Example: advertising agencies sit around in boardrooms; how to sell → after over 100 years, most say this:

- * The greatest way to sell a product is to brainwash you to be dissatisfied with what you have **now**.

3. Because you can't find true contentment and or satisfaction, anywhere else than in the **hand** of God.

4. A heart that is not satisfied causes us to make constant **unnecessary** changes in our lives.

Before I show you kingdom satisfaction, let me clarify something → some of you are thinking: Hold on Pastor, I thought God wanted me to dream dreams and see visions:

- * I thought God created me with an ambitious heart.
- * God gave me my abilities to drive forward and succeed.

You're **right**.

- Ambitions, dreams, and visions are from **God**.
 - God is not the **source** of striving, unhealthy stress, worry, fear and doubt.
 - God is not the **source** of dissatisfaction.
- * The question is what is **motivating** your ambition?

Let me give you five things that I see in everyone that is satisfied:

A. Satisfied people have learned to be **content**.

Philippians 4:11-13

¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

* Paul was saying – my possessions do not **define** me.

- My **birth** into the kingdom of God defines me.
- The minute you become **born again**, the way you define yourself should change.

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- From that point on, you are a **new** creation.
- Your identity has totally **changed**.

It's not based on titles, positions, or bank account, or even your performance → It's based on your **birth**.

It's not based on what you have done, but what you will do – your **identity**.

5. God can't save you any **more** than you are right now; He can't love you any **more** than He does now.

When you understand this, you will be **satisfied**.

Paul said to learn:

- In order to learn something, you need to **hear** a truth.
- Also, when you hear a truth, you need to **believe** that truth.
- Put the truth into practice **immediately** because spiritual warfare begins.
- Make the truth become a **norm** in your life.
- Begin to teach or **reproduce** the truth in you.
- **Give** the truth away you have learned.

Second:

B. Satisfied people have a **thankful** heart.

- People that are not satisfied rarely say **thank you**.

Job 1:21-22 – after all reports

²¹ And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord."

²² In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Does he make mistakes? **Yes**

- * Job is an extreme example, but the truth of Job's life, God shows His power of redemption in a midst of tragedy and loss – be **thankful**.

Psalm 17:15b

¹⁵ ... when I awake, I will be satisfied in Your likeness.

Thankful – seeing God (learn to see God)

A satisfied person:

C. God wants to use your money to invest into the kingdom being a good **steward**.

- That is the **reason** you have money.
- It also develops **character**.

6. Christian maturity does not equal prosperity because your saltation is not based on worth; prosperity is a **tool**.

Proverbs 11:25

²⁵ The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.

Generosity is a **key** to satisfaction.

Luke 12:15 – speaking of greed

¹⁵ And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

D. A satisfied person is using their **spiritual gifts**.

- Stressed people are doing ministry in areas they are not **called**.

40 years of ministry I have seen people stop going to Church because Church didn't meet their **need**.

Their need was **submitting** to the Holy Spirit and minister in the area they are **gifted** in.

The most satisfied person is one that has no problem picking up **paper** in the courtyard.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

⁶ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- It's possible to live in faith and power to **succeed**.
- Is it possible if our gifts are dormant, we can be controlled by **fear** and have no power to succeed in the kingdom?

E. A satisfied person is winning the war against their **flesh**.

Proverbs 27:20

²⁰ Hell and Destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

* Your flesh will never be **satisfied** period.

Matthew 5:6 – Jesus breaks this curse

‘Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be filled.

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