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I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 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. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Phil. 4:11-13

# The Wisdom of Contentment

*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

The desire of the righteous ends only in good,  
but the hope of the wicked only in wrath.

One man gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

A generous man will prosper;  
he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

People curse the man who hoards grain,  
but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.

He who seeks good finds goodwill,  
but evil comes to him who searches for it.

Proverbs 11:23-27



Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.



As it is written: “He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Cor. 9:6-11

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Tim. 6:17-19

~~Guilt~~

*Freedom*

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. “

Luke 6:38

Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom.

James 2:5

The *Prosperity Gospel* is an

OVER CORRECTION

## Biblical Balance

*Spiritually mature people might experience poverty, adequacy, or prosperity.*

(Phil. 4:12-13)

# Biblical Balance

*God does move in our lives in tangible ways in response to our acts of faith, courage, and sacrifice.*

“A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will also be refreshed.”

Proverbs 11:25