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EVANTELL'S

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THE *Power* OF CONTENTMENT

By **David Souther**
President, EvanTell

It's that time of year again, the season when holiday commercials dominate the airwaves. The message is always the same: "You need to purchase more stuff so you will be happy" or "You need to buy someone else more stuff to make them happy."

Contrast that message with what Paul writes in 1 Timothy 6:6–7: *"Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."*

To put it another way, "great gain" is not found in gaining more stuff, but in being content with what you have.

When we make the accumulation of money and possessions our life's goal, we will never feel satisfied. It is like trying to quench your thirst with seawater. It only makes you thirsty for more.

A famous billionaire was asked, "How much is enough?" His answer? "Just a little more."

There's another downside to accumulating stuff. When we die, none of it goes with us. Living for stuff means living for the things that won't last and will ultimately end up rotting in a landfill.

Pursuing money and stuff often distracts us from the things that matter most. Instead of controlling our possessions, they start to control us by dominating our time, efforts, and energy. They may keep us from building relationships and being free to pursue God's will for our lives, including sharing the gospel with others.

Contentment, on the other hand, is a powerful witness to others and a fundamental source of joy. True joy does not depend on how much you have. It flows from your relationship with God as we find our satisfaction in Him.

When we are content, we model the Savior. Jesus owned little in terms of earthly possessions, but became one of the most influential people in history. He never preoccupied himself with the accumulation of stuff, but rather focused on loving and serving people. His contentment was a characteristic that drew people to Him.

This holiday and Christmas season, take time to thank the Lord for what you have, but don't value the gifts over the Giver. He is truly all you need. Then pray for opportunities to share Christ and point people to Him as the only source of lasting contentment.



THE SOURCE OF CONTENTMENT

By Larry Moyer
Founder & CEO, EvanTell

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 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. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

— PHILIPPIANS 4:11–13

The apostle Paul thanked the church at Philippi in response to their financial support. But he was quick to point out that while their gift provided for his need, it did not provide for his contentment. Paul found contentment in Who he had, not what he had.

Paul knew how to live humbly, and he knew how to enjoy prosperity. There were times when he could say, “I don’t believe I can eat any more,” and times when he was uncertain from where the next meal was coming. So why did his contentment never change even though his circumstances did?

He declared, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Hunger or prosperity—Paul could handle either through Christ. When we understand that truth, we understand why non-Christians are at such a loss. They have no inner strength to handle their outward circumstances.

Varied circumstances offer an opportunity for a Christian to demonstrate the contentment of a Christ-centered life. If more comes, we are grateful. If we have less, we are nonetheless satisfied. Provisions minister to our need, never to our contentment. Contentment is not found in having something we need, but through Someone we know.

Ask God for His strength to handle the moments when you have less than you need and the moments when you have more than you need. Then ask Him to use your day-to-day witness of contentment to introduce others to the Savior who is bigger than life’s circumstances.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH EVENTS *in Asia*



CRUSADES *in Vietnam*

This December, EvanTell evangelists will be leading Christmas-themed crusades in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. These outreaches can reach anywhere from 1,000 to 4,000 people in attendance each night. In addition, some events are televised online reaching an additional 50,000 people. Please pray for continued freedom for these crusades to take place and for the EvanTell trained follow-up counselors who make the gospel clear, distribute EvanTell tracts, and connect new believers to a local church.



COMMUNITY FESTIVALS *in Burma*

At Christmas, evangelical Christians have more freedom to share the gospel message in Burma. The authorities allow the churches EvanTell works with to conduct open air meetings with gospel presentations done through songs and skits. In addition, the believers share the gospel with children and adults one-on-one using EvanTell’s “CrossTalk” and “May I Ask You a Question?” tracts. Though over 80% of the country is literate, printed materials are rare, making these gospel tracts a sought-after commodity. Please pray for continued favor from the authorities and fruit from the outreach for this upcoming Christmas season.



CELEBRATIONS *in Prisons*

Several of EvanTell’s evangelists visit prisons and work camps during the Christmas season. They invite the whole prison—guards and all—to enjoy songs, skits, and testimonies that present the gospel. Each prison contains 300–500 prisoners. They provide everyone with a box of prepared food with EvanTell tracts on the top; or a bag of treats such as packets of tea or coffee, cookies, or other snacks with a tract inside. In addition, they dispense medicine, clothing, and other necessary items. Please pray for this powerful outreach to people who otherwise have no hope.