CHRISTIAN CHARACTER TRAIT: CONTENT

Phil. 4:11, "I have learned in whatever state I am, therein to be content."

Learned: entrance into a new position

I. **Opposite qualities;**
covetousness, unhappiness, dissatisfaction

II. **Definition of content:**
(1) a coming to or reaching to; not by nature, but something we must learn, cultivate, and grow into.
(2) a learning to enjoy present positions and possessions
(3) a rest of mind and a freedom from worry
(4) a not being inclined to complain or murmur about present positions or possessions.

III. **Outcome of Contentment**
1. One is independent of circumstance due to dependence upon God.
2. Enables one to handle the swinging of the pendulum in position or possession.
3. Is able to endure properly what cannot be attained.
4. Provides the ability to rise above circumstances and enviorments.
5. God is the foundation and source, not position or possession that change.
6. Contentment is not complacency.
7. Contentment is based upon what is satisfying, what you long for and desire for - JESUS or THINGS!
8. Contentment greatly influences one's ability to remain faithful.
9. Content, not because of present condition, but presence of Christ