



The Secret to Discontentment

Philippians 4:10-20
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- 1. Surround yourself with as many _____ and _____ and things as possible.**
 - A. _____, is a true detriment to discontentment.
 - 2. Surround your minds with images of whatever _____ at the moment!**
 - A. Be very careful NOT to _____ about what you already have.
 - B. To stay discontent, there must be a carrot _____ at all times.
 - 3. Remember to _____. Constant _____ is one of the best ways to keep yourself discontent.**
 - 4. Make making _____ the main thing.**
 - A. Avoid reading _____.
- “But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.” 1 Timothy 6:6-9, NIV*
- 5. Never think beyond this _____.**
 - 6. Be very careful NOT to _____ or _____ God.**

- A. When you pray to God more as a _____ than a person, you are more likely to conclude that prayer makes _____, and thereby that God makes _____.
 - B. Prayers lead to _____, and relationship is detrimental to discontent.
- “Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. I don’t say this because I want a gift from you. What I want is for you to receive a well-earned reward because of your kindness.” Philippians 4:16, 17, NLT*
- C. The way you _____ your _____ makes all the difference in your discontent!

Conclusion:

Of course the real danger to discontentment is to experience the unexplainable _____ through other people.

The meaning of earthly existence lies not, as we have grown used to thinking, in _____, but in the development of the _____.”

“Don’t always be wishing for what you don’t have. For real life and real living are not related to how rich we are.” Luke 12:15, TLB