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In a World of Discontent



It sure is easy to get drawn into the discontent that is all around us. Think about the many different avenues through which discontent comes at us. Years ago, someone in marketing told me that the strategy of their profession is to convince people they need the product being advertised; which essentially means create discontent for not having it. Certainly, the current inflation in our country is stirring discontent in a lot of people. Politicians, leaders of organizations, people with agendas, even friends and family can be sources of stirring discontent in us. Discontent can cause health, relationship, and spiritual decline if not managed properly.

Contentment is defined in Dictionary.com as, "satisfied with what one is or has; not wanting more or anything else." Are you a content person? My wife is wonderfully content, some might call her a "low maintenance" wife. I am much more subject to discontent. For example, here I am, trying to write about contentment, and trying to find a quiet place, in my fourth spot, and ironically, I realize I'm not content! Yes, the Holy Spirit pointed it out. So, I guess I'm writing to myself as much as anyone.

We should note, before going on, that not being satisfied with the current state of things is not automatically bad. It has become the catalyst to spur people to work for change for the better, and to develop new products and technologies. How would you determine whether a discontent is a good or a bad discontent?

Consider what the apostle Paul wrote about contentment in the follow passages. The first two had to do with his own life and circumstances, the third with a temptation that most people face. Think about what his life might have been like if he went down the path of discontentment instead of contentment.

Paul was in prison, arrested for sharing Christ, and he received both a material gift and a good report about the church in Philippi. In the last chapter of the letter that he wrote to them he said, "Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. **12** I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. **13** I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:11-13, *NASB95*). Paul says he has learned the secret of being content whether he has much or little materially in his ministry. *The secret is trusting God.* In prison he had very little control over his living conditions, and fear would be understandable. Paul chose to trust God instead.

God had given Paul an extraordinary vision of heaven. God also struck him with some sort of physical ailment. Notice his response, first initially, then later. "Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. **9** And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. **10** Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:8-10). Paul sought relief, then he heard God. He's saying he learned that *weakness can be opportunity for God's power and grace*, and is reason to be content with them.

Paul finishes up his letter to Timothy with a series of instructions for him to give the people. Like today, there were people preaching false doctrines about godliness, and getting rich doing it. Paul wrote, "But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. **7** For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. **8** If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. **9** But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." (1 Timothy 6:6-10). In other words, urge the people to be content with food and clothing, for discontent can lead to spiritual shipwreck.

So, if you find discontent with your circumstances or material possessions growing, strive to trust God, see your weakness as His opportunity, and pursue godliness rather than goods. Then, see if contentment grows instead.

A Work in Progress,
Pastor Dan





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MBC Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM,
& Fridays 8:00 AM—Noon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC Prayer—6:30 pm, LL #102 Ignite & Fusion Camping at Governor Dodge	2 Primetimers Games & Lunch—10 am–1 pm, NC/K Ignite & Fusion Camping at Governor Dodge, returning today	3 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	4 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	5 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Church League Softball at Twining Park	6 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC Open AA Mtg, 6 pm, 18 & 8th
7 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S	8 Deacon Meeting—6 pm, NC Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, S Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #106	9 Missions Ministry Meeting—6:00 pm, LL #106	10 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	11 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	12 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Church League Softball at Twining Park	13 Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4-6 pm, #102 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
14 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Next Steps-Step 1—Noon, NC Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S	15 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC Prayer—6:30 pm, LL #102	16	17 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	18 Blood Drive—Noon-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101 MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	19 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	20 Celebration of Life—Roger Stauffacher, 1-5 pm, Maple Lane Event Center Iglesia Biblica Vigil—7 pm–Midnight, All Church
21 Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Next Steps-Step 2—9 am, LL #102 (S.1) Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S	22 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC Prayer—6:30 pm, LL #102	23	24 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	25 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	26 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	27 Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4-6 pm, #102 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
28 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Next Steps-Step 2—9 am, LL #102 (S.2) Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S	29 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC Prayer—6:30 pm, LL #102	30	31 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC			



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Happy Birthday!



- 2 Jan Wyss
- 3 Donna Garwell
Sharon Johnson
- 6 Meghann Holverson
- 7 Rita Chambliss
Daniel Skoumal
Jill Skoumal
- 9 Natalie Kuenzi

- 9 Jovani McNett
Tom Rossing
- 10 Shirley Drewel
Bernadette Wong
- 11 Lydia Setterstrom
- 13 Jon Richardson
- 15 Cindy Demianiuk
Katelin Rische

- 15 Clare Thoman
- 18 Eva Haworth
Laura Holverson
- 19 Marianne Hoffman
- 23 Walter Ohlrich
- 25 Chelsea Hardacre
- 26 Don Bartelt

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 18
Noon-6:00 PM
Nehemiah Center



- 2 Shane & Kara Schulte
- 5 Ronald & Barbara Bernhagen
- 7 Jon & Becky Richardson
- 8 Rick & Cheryl Hartwig
- 12 Kim & Kathy Markham
- 14 Richard & Jane Thoman

- 15 Nate & Kay Bloom
- 15 Paul & Andrea Brunner
- 17 Troy & Crystal Watson
- 22 Justin & Jaclyn Miller
- 23 Michael & Beth Figi



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Celebration of Life—Roger Stauffacher

*Thank you everyone, for your cards,
 support, and help to our family!
 ~Mary Ann Stauffacher*

All are welcome to attend a Celebration of Life for Roger Stauffacher

Please R.S.V.P. to Mary Ann Stauffacher, 608-325-6643.



Saturday, August 20th

Open House: 1:00-5:00 pm

Message at 2:00 pm

Maple Lane Event Center (N3051 Hwy. 81, Monroe)

Pray Without Ceasing

Since we just celebrated a holiday commemorating America's birthday, I began thinking about those who founded our country. I believe some of them did much praying about this big endeavor. I trust we still have leaders who pray to their heavenly Father for guidance.

Are we as believers praying for our government officials regularly? There are federal, state, and local officials who greatly need our prayers. We should pray for their salvation as our most important request. Pray that they will have wisdom in making decisions. Pray that their decisions will support Biblical principles and our Constitution. Pray that they will have courage to make the right decision when facing opposition.

The election primaries are coming soon, as well as the fall elections. We should be praying that those elected will support Biblical principles and the Constitution. We should ask God for wisdom in who we vote for. Be an informed and praying voter.

I urge you to pray for revival in America. Only God can change America. Please make prayer a priority in your life. God has given us this privilege.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader



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Mission Cry Bible Drive

Beginning August 14th, there will be a box near the Welcome Center where you can place new or used Bibles in English or Spanish for distribution to people overseas who cannot afford them. Commentaries, concordances, dictionaries, books on church history, discipleship, theology, doctrine, Christian biographies, evangelism, Christian fiction, Bible studies, and Sunday school materials are also accepted. This program has been in existence since 1956, equipping native missionaries, evangelists, and pastors to better carry out the work they have been called to do. It is an opportunity to share materials you no longer use with Christian brothers and sisters around the globe. You can learn more about Mission Cry at www.missioncry.com.

Glory Reins Mission Trip Presentation

At this time, we are planning to have a potluck at noon on August 28th followed by a presentation of the mission trip to Glory Reins Ranch. The team looks forward to sharing how your prayer and financial support accomplished much for the ministry at the Ranch. You will see from start to finish the arena cover construction which will allow for more hours of Bible Based Equine Assisted Program for those in emotional and psychological distress from trauma. The focus is for those who come to find hope and healing through the love of Jesus. Kevin and Robin Warren may join us for this special event, so be watching for more information regarding this special Glory Reins Ranch presentation.

One Meal Food Packing Fundraiser

For several Cheese Days, the Missions Ministry had a vendor tent on the Square where bottled water was sold. It was a successful fundraiser for the Kids Around The World Playground project. This coming Cheese Days we hope to do the same, with the profit designated for next spring's One Meal Food Packing Event. The cost to hold a Food Packing has increased to \$8,600! We are hoping to raise a significant amount at Cheese Days so that we can once again hold a food packing event here in Monroe. Please consider helping with this fundraiser by signing up to man the table for a shift. It is a great way to introduce many people to Monroe Bible Church and Kids Around The World, as well as provide lifesaving nutritious food and the Gospel to those most in need. Watch for the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center.

Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader



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Monroe Bible Church Directory

How do you get an MBC Directory?

Many of you are unaware that our church's directory is online. You can download the directory either to your computer or smartphone and create your own personal, private account by following the prompts.

Benefits: our online directory allows each person in the congregation to update their information whenever there's a change, keeping everything current, including your family photo!

You can upload a new photo to the online directory at any time, or you can email a jpeg photo to our church office and we can do it for you.

*Please keep in mind the photo should be simple, just your family, preferably a solid background. Directory photos are only about 1½" square.

More Benefits: did you know that you can call, text, or use Google directions to find someone right through the directory App on your smartphone? This is how you can receive text messages from our church office when we need to communicate emergency information, such as church or event closures due to inclement weather.

Right now, in order to make it easier for everyone, we are offering to update your directory information for you, but we need your help to do this!!

We have a printed copy of our current online directory at the Welcome Center.

**** Please review and update the information we have for you in this printed copy ****

See the bulletin insert, or contact the church office, for directions on how to download the Monroe Bible Church Directory.

***Note:** If you are unable to access or use an online directory, contact the church office and we can print a hard copy for you.



We would like to offer our sympathy to the following families:

*The Kelley Family.
 Charles Kelley passed away on Wednesday, June 29th.*

*Loren & Kristi Bruehlman family.
 Loren's dad, John Bruehlman, passed away on Sunday, July 10th.*

May God bless each of you with His comfort and peace.



Next Steps at MBC

Next Steps are ways to learn more about and become involved in Monroe Bible Church.

Next Steps-Step 1 (1s.) – “Our Mission & Vision”
Sunday, August 14th at Noon in the Nehemiah Center. Lunch is provided. Learn what our Vision is and how you can become a part of it.

Next Steps-Step 2 (2s.) – “Our Core Beliefs”
August 21 & 28 at 9:00 AM, lower level #102. Find out what are core beliefs are and Bible doctrines. ***This step is required for membership.**

Sign up for all Next Steps classes on our website, contact the office, or use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center.

Pick up a Next Steps Brochure at the Welcome Center for a listing of all classes.



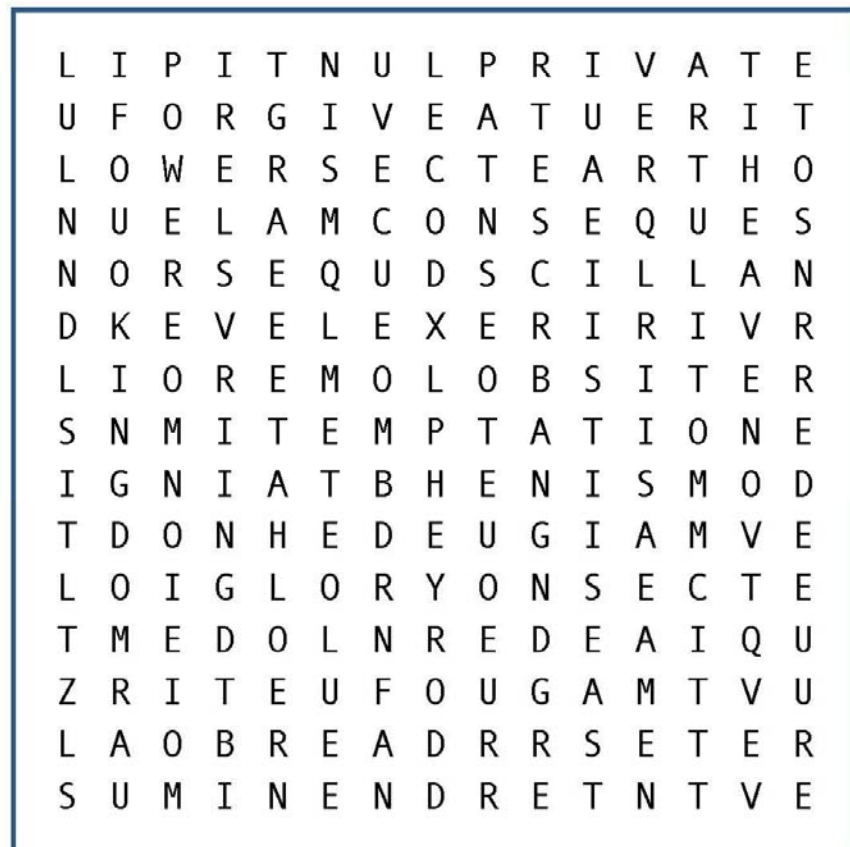
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Word Search for Jesus Taught About Prayer

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



AMEN
BREAD
DEBTS

EARTH
FORGIVE
GLORY

HEAVEN
HONOR
KINGDOM

POWER
PRIVATE
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