

# The Art of Divine Contentment

1. Pg. 9 “The Gospel is full of jewels, but they are locked up from sense and reason”
2. Pg. 17 “Here is the difference between a holy complaint and a discontented complaint. In the one we complain **to** God: in the other we complain **of** God.
3. Pg. 19 “it is a sweet temper of spirit whereby a Christian carries himself in an equal poise in every situation”
4. Pg. 20 “so contentment lies within the soul and does not depend on externals. Hence I gather that outward troubles cannot hinder this blessed contentment. It is a spiritual thing and arises from spiritual grounds, namely the apprehension of God’s love”
5. Pg. 23 “..it is a wise God who has, by His providence, fixed me in this orb”
6. Pg. 23 “God’s providence, which is nothing but the carrying out of His decrees, should be counterpoison against discontent. God has me in my station, and has **done it in wisdom**”
7. Pg. 57 “ If your sorrow has tuned and fitted you for Christ – if it has raised in you high prizing of Him, strong hungering after Him, sweet delight in Him – this is as much as God requires”
8. Pg. 58 “Contentment is a remedy against all troubles, a comfort to all our burdens; it is the cure of care. Contentment, though it is not properly a grace (it is rather a disposition of the mind), yet has in it a happy mixture of all the graces. It is a most precious compound which is made up of **faith, patience, meekness, and humility**, which are the ingredients put into it”
9. Pg. 62 “As medicine works diseases out of the body, so contentment works trouble out of the heart”
10. Pg. 66 “A contented Christian acquiesces in his present condition and does not murmur, but admires. Herein appears the excellency of contentment: it is a **spiritual antidote against sin**”
11. Pg. 68 “**Contentment sweetens every condition**”
12. Pg. 69 “Contentment has this excellency: it is the best commentator upon providence. It makes a fair interpretation of all God’s dealings. Let the providence of God be never so dark or bloody, **contentment always construes them in the best sense**”

13. Pg. 73 "By contentment a Christian gets victory over himself. When a man is able to rule his own spirit, this of all others is a **most noble conquest**"
14. Pg. 80 "You profess to live by faith. What, and are you not content? Faith is a grace that substantiates things not seen. Faith looks beyond the creature and **feeds upon promises?**"
15. Pg. 84 "Discontent is a spider that sucks the poison of unthankfulness out of the sweetest flower of God's blessings"
16. Pg. 88 "Covetousness is a dry drunkenness. The world is such that the more we have, the more we crave" ..... "**He who is contented has enough**"
17. Pg. 88 "The way for a man to be contented is not by raising his estate higher, but by **bringing his heart lower**"
18. Pg. 89 "**The consideration of the brevity of life may spur the heart to contentment**"
19. Pg. 95 "...be content, then to have less of the world so we may have more of Christ"
20. Pg. 103 "A true Christian is a wonder. He is the most contented, yet the least satisfied"
21. Pg. 104 "A true Christian grows in strength. He grows still more rooted and settled. The more the tree grows, the more it **spreads its roots in the earth**"
22. Pg. 107 "**He who is contented with his condition does not lose his spiritual joy**"
23. Pg. 108 "Thus a contented Christian knows how to come to terms with **any condition**. There are some who can be content in some state, but not in every state"
24. Pg. 109 "A contented Christian does not seek to choose his cross, but leaves God to choose for him. He is **content with both the kind and the duration**"
25. Pg. 110 "A contented Christian is willing to wait for God's leisure, and will not stir until God opens a door"
26. Pg. 110 "**God has cast me into this condition; and though it is sad and troublesome, yet I will not stir till God, by clear providence, fetches me out**"
27. Pg. 112 "When reason begins to sink, let faith swim"
28. Pg. 113 "Faith sucks the honey of contentment out of the hive of the promise"
29. Pg. 114 "He who has God to be his God is so well contented with His condition that he does not much care whether he has anything else"
30. Pg. 114 "He who knows God in his, and that **all that is in God is for his good** – if this does not satisfy him, nothing will"

31. Pg. 115 "Contentment is the manna that is laid up in the ark of a good conscience"
32. Pg 118 "The more of heaven that is in us, the less earth will content"
33. Pg. 119 "Do not pore upon your losses, but ponder your mercies"
34. Pg. 120 "Do not let your contentment go upon crutches which may soon fail.  
The ground of contentment must be within yourself"
35. Pg. 125 "The world is like a shadow that declines. It is delightful, but deceitful; it promises more than we find, and it fails us when we have the most need of it"
36. Pg. 128 "...a wise Christian has his will melted into God's will and thinks it best to have whatever God directs"
37. Pg. 128 "If we believe that condition to be best which God parcels out to us, we would cheerfully submit and say, "The lines are fallen in pleasant places"
38. Pg. 130 "The last rule for contentment is to be much in prayer"
39. Pg. 131 "Prayer composes the heart and brings it into tune"