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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Heb. 13:5-6 *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"* (NIV)

Someone rightly said, this passage reminds us to learn contentment over covetousness. These are polar opposites. One screams "me!" The other proclaims "You, LORD!" Which voice is emanating from you today? And it is not just in the words that come from our mouths, but also from the actions that come from our hearts. Contentment, based on this world's standard, is momentary and fleeting at best. Someone asked Bernard Baruch, "How much money does it take for a rich man to be satisfied?" He answered, "Just a million more than he has." Paul reminds us in **Phil. 4:11-13** *I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.* (NIV)

I love the times in scripture when it points out what the LORD has said. Here the writer of Hebrews makes reference to **Dt. 31:6** *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.* (NIV) And what does this do for us as we live a life of abundance? It gives us a wonderful sense of confidence to face whatever may come our way. With the LORD's help, we can face any circumstance or situation. He is our helper. The Greek word for helper is **boethos** which means *one who comes to our aid or walks along side of us to help*. And that is exactly Who the Holy Spirit is. He is the helping manifestation of a loving God that wants us to live in the abundance that He provides for us. **Rom. 8:31** *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* (NIV)

Dear LORD, our hearts are many times filled with covetousness rather than contentment. Help us to dwell in the path of Your love and provision today. We choose to live in Your goodness and are filled with Your Spirit. This day is for You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen