

YOU CAN BE  
*Content*  
(even when life is hard)



## Philippians 4:11-13

**“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.**

**13 I can do all things through Christ [who] strengthen[s] me.”**

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***Are You Content  
With Christ?***

**Hebrews 13:5-6**

## 1 Timothy 6:6-9

**“But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.”**

## **1 Timothy 6:10**

**“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”**

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**The Art of Divine  
Contentment: An  
Exposition of  
Philippians 4:11**

**Thomas Watson**

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- 1. You grow in contentment not by adding to what you have, but by subtracting from what you desire.**
  - 2. You grow in contentment by making wise comparisons.**

## **Wise Comparisons ...**

**A. Compare your condition to what you deserve, rather than to what you desire.**

## **Ezra 9:13**

**“And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this.”**

## **Wise Comparisons ...**

- A. Compare your condition to what you deserve, rather than to what you desire.**
- B. Compare your condition with others who have less.**
- C. Compare your condition with Christ's on earth.**

## **Wise Comparisons ...**

- C. Compare your condition with Christ's on earth.**
- D. Compare your condition with what it once was.**
- E. Compare your condition with what it will be soon.**

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**We obey the command by  
believing the promise.**

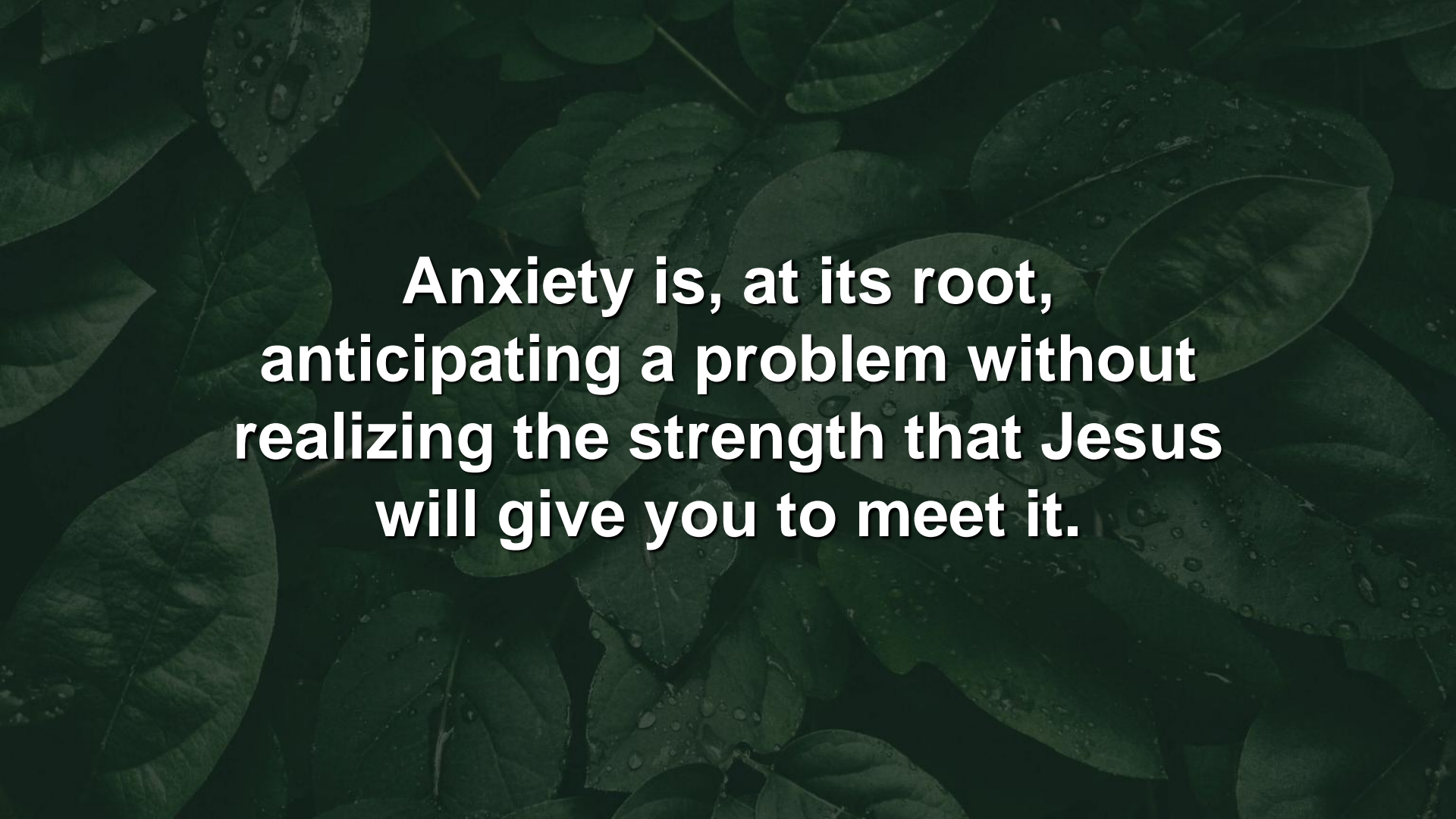


**2 Corinthians 1:20**

**“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”**

## **Joshua 1:5-6a**

**“There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of a good courage: ...”**

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**Anxiety is, at its root,  
anticipating a problem without  
realizing the strength that Jesus  
will give you to meet it.**

## **1 Chroncles 28:20**

**“And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.”**

## Hebrews 10:34

**“For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.”**

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**The Command**

**God's Promise**

**Our Response**