

“GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD”

Help Us To Be Satisfied With What You Give Us Today

Matthew 6:11

Content with food and clothing?

1 Timothy 6:8-9 (NKJV) ⁸And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Buster Douglas story about beating Mike Tyson. WHY was he able to get up and win that fight? (come back to the story below)

WHAT IS LIFE ALL ABOUT?

Matthew 6:24 (ESV) ²⁴“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 6:25-34 (ESV) ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. **Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?** ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

The Christian as a powerful and satisfying WHY.

DAILY BREAD FOR A DAILY FOCUS ON DOING GOD’S WILL, ONE DAY AT A TIME.

Matthew 6:31-34 (ESV) ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³**But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.** ³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

GIVE ME NEITHER POVERTY NOR RICHES

Proverbs 30:8-9 (NKJV) ⁸...Give me neither poverty nor riches—feed me with the food allotted to me; ⁹Lest I be full and deny *You*, and say, “Who is the Lord?” Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God.

1. Worry can lead to unfaithfulness.

Exodus 16:1-5 (NKJV) ¹And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt. ²Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat *and* when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the Lord

said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. ⁵And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.”

Exodus 16:11-21 (NKJV) ¹¹And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²“I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I *am* the Lord your God.’” ¹³So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. ¹⁴And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, *as fine as frost on the ground.* ¹⁵So when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it *was*. And Moses said to them, “This *is* the bread which the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is the thing which the Lord has commanded: ‘Let every man gather it according to each one’s need, one omer for each person, *according to the* number of persons; let every man take for *those who are* in his tent.’” ¹⁷Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸So when they measured *it* by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one’s need. ¹⁹And Moses said, “Let no one leave any of it till morning.” ²⁰Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

Exodus 16:31 (NKJV) ³¹And the house of Israel called its name [£]Manna. And it *was* like white coriander seed, and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

2. Blessings of abundance can lead to unfaithfulness.

Deuteronomy 8:1-20 (NKJV) ¹“Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. ²And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³**So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.** ⁴Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. ⁵You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.

⁶“Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. ⁷For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones *are* iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.

¹¹“Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹²lest—*when* you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell *in them*; ¹³and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you

out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— ¹⁷then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’

COVETOUSNESS IS THE ROOT OF UNFAITHFULNESS.

1 John 2:15-17 (NKJV) ¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

CONTENTMENT IS THE ROOT OF FAITHFULNESS.

Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV) ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

1. **Contentment** is possible in any situation – feast or famine, love or hate.
2. A Christian can learn contentment; there is a **secret** to it!
3. I can **do all things** through Christ.

*Burdens may remain, but I live EACH DAY with a powerful **WHY**.*

*A **WHY** that satisfies.*

Through Jesus I have the strength to endure with contentment.

SATISFIED TO LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND REVERENCE?

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NKJV) ¹Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, ²for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- **Trust God**
- **Read the Word**
- **Pray with Thanksgiving**
- **Learn the Secret of Contentment – What Is Your WHY?**
- **Each Day Stay Busy Serving**