

#struggles - Part 1 of 5 Contentment April 19, 2015

EXPOSE ANY DISCONTENTMENT

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"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of <u>being content</u> in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through [Christ] who gives me strength." Philippians 4:12-13

THROUGH CHRIST'S STRENGTH

• WE WILL KILL **COMPARISONS**.

"We <u>do not dare</u> to classify or <u>compare ourselves</u> with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and <u>compare</u> themselves with themselves, <u>they are not wise</u>." 2 Corinthians 10:12

"But if you harbor <u>bitter envy</u> and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is <u>earthly</u>, <u>unspiritual</u>, <u>demonic</u>. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice." James 3:14-16

WE WILL CULTIVATE GRATITUDE.

"For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, <u>life is a continual feast</u>." Proverbs 15:15 NLT

"Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have..." Ecclesiastes 6:9 NLT

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