

# When We Pray, Pray This Way

#4: Prayer Concern for  
Contentedness

Matthew 6:11

## **I Timothy 6:6,8**

“<sup>6</sup> But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. ... <sup>8</sup>  
If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.”

## **Hebrews 13:5**

“<sup>5</sup> Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, ‘I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU.’”

Christian contentment is that sweet,  
inward, quiet, gracious frame of  
spirit, which freely submits to and  
delights in God's wise and fatherly  
disposal of every condition.

“Dear Lord, thank you for this meal. We plowed the ground, we planted the seed, we pulled the weeds, we harvested the wheat, we ground the flour, we baked the bread, but thank you, Lord, for this meal.”

## **Deuteronomy 8:18**

“<sup>18</sup> But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

## Acts 17:24, 25, 28

“<sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; <sup>25</sup> nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; ... <sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.’”

## Hebrews 1:2-3

“<sup>2</sup> In these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. <sup>3</sup> And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

“It is therefore the sin of  
indifference and ingratitude not  
to daily recognize his gifts in  
thankful prayer,”



The sense is the daily necessities in life.

## **Numbers 21:5**

“<sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food.’”

## **Deuteronomy 8:3**

“<sup>3</sup> He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.”

## **Proverbs 30:7-9**

“<sup>7</sup> Two things I asked of You, Do not refuse me before I die: <sup>8</sup> Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion.”

## **I Timothy 6:9-10**

“<sup>9</sup> But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

But becoming wealthy  
through hard work is  
different from working hard  
to become wealthy.

## Genesis 1:28

“<sup>28</sup> God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

**God has promised to supply our daily needs. Consequently, do not be anxious. Pursue the eternal while living in the temporal.**

**Remembering to pray  
for our daily needs is a help  
in becoming content  
with His provision.**

**Young people: Financial remuneration should be a careful consideration when making career choices.**



**“Give us our daily bread”  
is also a reminder that  
God’s sustenance in life  
should also be  
acknowledged in death.**

**Praying to God for our  
daily needs reminds us to  
be verbally thankful for  
His provision.**