What is the Spiritual Law of Contentment?

It's better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else.

Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GN)

(Paul) I know what it is to be in need and what it is to have more than enough. I have learned this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content...

Philippians 4:12 (GN)

1.

We will <u>not compare</u> ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse...Each of us is an original.

Galatians 5:26 (Message)

2.

If God gives us wealth and property... we should be <u>grateful and</u> <u>enjoy what we have worked for</u>. It is a gift from God. Ecclesiastes 5:19 (GN)

3.

Speaking to the people, Jesus continued, "Be alert and <u>quard your</u> <u>heart</u> from greed and always wishing for what you don't have. For <u>your life</u> can never be measured by the amount of things you possess."

Luke 12:15 (TPT)

O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?"

Proverbs 30:7-9 (NLT)

4.

We <u>fix our attention</u>, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.

2 Corinthians 4:18 (GN)





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Living Generously Through Contentment

It's healthy to be <u>content</u>, but envy will eat you up.

Proverbs 14:30 (CEV)

It's better to be <u>satisfied with what you have</u> than to be always wanting something else.

Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GN)

The Consequence of Never Being Satisfied with What You Have

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Proverbs 23:4 (NET)

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Proverbs 15:27 (ICB)

Answer Key

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MORE EXPENSES

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UNHAPPINESS

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