



The Notes

I HATE THIS...

Part 3: "Is This All There Is?"

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"Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness, I am not overcome by fear. Because You are with me in those dark moments, near with Your protection and guidance, I am comforted. You spread out a table before me, provisions in the midst of attack from my enemies; You care for all my needs, anointing my head with soothing, fragrant oil, filling my cup again and again with Your grace. Certainly Your faithful protection and loving provision will pursue me where I go, always, everywhere. I will always be with the Eternal, in Your house forever."

Psalm 23:4-6 (TVB)

IF I DON'T WANT MY GRATITUDE TO BE CIRCUMSTANTIAL, I HAVE TO START...

1. ... _____ THE LIFE I NEED, INSTEAD OF _____ THE LIFE I _____.

"Then someone called from the crowd, 'Sir, please tell my brother to divide my father's estate with me.' But Jesus replied, 'Man, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that? Beware! Don't always be wishing for what you don't have. For real life and real living are not related to how rich we

are.’ Then he gave an illustration: ‘A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. In fact, his barns were full to overflowing—he couldn’t get everything in. He thought about his problem, and finally exclaimed, ‘I know—I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones! Then I’ll have room enough. And I’ll sit back and say to myself, ‘Friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Wine, women, and song for you!’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. Then who will get it all?’ Yes, every man is a fool who gets rich on earth but not in heaven.”

Luke 12:13-21 (TLB)

“Seek your happiness in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desire.”

Psalms 37:4 (GNT)

2. ... FEELING AS SATISFIED WITH THE
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“Devotion to God is, in fact, a way for people to be very rich, but only if it makes them satisfied with what they have. When we came into the world, we brought nothing. And when we die, we can take nothing out. So, if we have food and clothes, we will be satisfied with that.”

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (ERV)

“Rejoice always and delight in your faith; be unceasing and persistent in prayer; in every situation [no matter what the circumstances] be thankful and continually give thanks to God; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (AMP)

3. ... SEEING GOD FOR WHO _____
EVEN WHILE MY CIRCUMSTANCES ARE
_____ ARE.

"I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens, when I have enough to eat and when I go hungry, when I have more than I need and when I do not have enough. I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength."

Philippians 4:11-13 (NCV)