

His Provisions are Great

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Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-8

As a creature of habit, I came into my living room this morning to take my usual spot on the couch for my quiet time with the Lord. As I opened the blinds to the window that looks out onto our front porch, I found one of our family dogs lying down and relaxing. He was so deep in sleep that he didn't even hear the noise the blinds make when opened.

I stood for a moment looking at his chosen position for relaxation. My 90 pound yellow lab was on his back, all four paws in the air. I thought about how those wooden slats, which make up the porch floor, would be uncomfortable on my back. Yet he laid there so content - so still - so relaxed.

I was then reminded of my own home. My husband, myself and our two girls live in a small house that is less than 1,000 square feet (Note how I use "less than" so I can use a four digit number). In times past, I have felt the walls of this small house closing in on me. Remembrance of growing up in a 4,000 plus square foot house didn't help. However, as I grow closer to my Lord, contentment seems to comfort me. Contentment that comes from the blessings of having this home. Blessings of simplicity so I can focus on the greater goal of my life: To glorify my Father by studying and preparing to share His Word through writing and speaking. After all, how many ladies can vacuum and mop their floors in under 30 minutes with extra time to sit down with a refreshing glass of tea afterwards.

So as I looked at my lab, Samson, and reflected upon the content and relaxed state he was basking in, my heart was warmed even more so with the love of my Father. You see, others may initially walk into our home and think, "How can they live in such a small place?" While the words, "What a cozy little home you have!" comes out of their mouths. But in looking deeper into our home, I hope they see the content and relaxed state our family enjoys.

Like Samson's position initially looked uncomfortable to me, you may also have a situation in your life that at first looks uncomfortable. I encourage you to look deeper into the situation and see the blessings that can come from contentment in the Lord. Look at how His provisions are great, His love is everlasting, and how His joy will overflow your soul.

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