THE QUESTION

What did the early church teach about being content in all things?

Asked by a THF member on July 12, 2026 · published November 9, 2026 · 10 numbered quotations · the 15 early Christian passages and 146 Bible verses we kept are listed at the back, each with a link.

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Early writers taught that a Christian should be content with what is enough. They urged believers to ask only for daily bread, to be satisfied with food and clothing, and to trust the Father instead of worrying about tomorrow. They also saw God's grace as enough in weakness, so contentment rests on God, not on having more.

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Contentment means accepting what is enough

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement gives a short definition. Contentment is a settled habit that does without things we do not need, while accepting what is enough for a healthy life. He ties it closely to self-control.

1 “And contentment is a habit that does without unnecessary things and, so that there may be no lack, accepts what is enough for a healthy and blessed life according to the Word.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.11 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 8, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Food and clothing should be enough

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian twice quotes Paul's words to Timothy. Since we bring nothing into the world and take nothing out, food and clothing should satisfy us. He warns that the desire to be rich leads into a snare and can wreck a person's faith.

2 “We brought nothing into this world, nor indeed can we carry anything out. Therefore, having food and clothing, let us be content with these.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 13, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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3 “While you are anxious that any of your wealth might be reduced, you do not see that you yourself are being reduced, because you love money more than your own soul.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 15, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Paul's rule is frugality and self-control

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Novatian says that freedom in what we eat does not give permission for luxury. He reads Paul's call to be content with food and clothing as a law of simple living, which Paul also lived out himself.

4 “The apostle also, when he said, "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content," 1 Timothy 6:8, laid down the law of frugality and self-control.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *On the Jewish Meats* 1 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 12, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Pray for daily bread, not luxury

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Hippolytus and Tertullian both explain the request for daily bread in the Lord's Prayer. We ask for what the body needs today, not for rich tables. Tertullian adds that bread is the only food necessary for believers, and that it also points to Christ himself.

5 “Instead, we are to ask for bread, and not for many years, but only what is enough for us today.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 10, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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6 “For the Lord commands that bread be prayed for, which is the only food necessary for believers.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Prayer* 6 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 9, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Trust the Father instead of worrying

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement reads Jesus' command not to worry about tomorrow as a call to depend on the Father like a child. He says Christ trains us for a simple way of life that provides for each day by itself.

7 “In this way He commands them to lay aside the cares of this life and depend on the Father alone.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 1.5 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 5, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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8 “Besides this, he prepares us for a self-sufficient way of life, for simplicity, for having our loins girded, and for a free and unhindered readiness for our journey.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 1.12 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 6, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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God's grace is enough in weakness

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Irenaeus discusses Paul's thorn in the flesh. The Lord told Paul that his grace was sufficient, because strength is made perfect in weakness. Irenaeus says hard experiences teach us to know God's power, which helps explain how a believer can be content even in hardship.

9 “For strength is made perfect in weakness, making him a better person who, through his weakness, becomes familiar with the power of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 4, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Contentment belongs among righteous virtues

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In the Shepherd, contentment is listed among the virtues the angel of righteousness speaks of in the heart. The opposite is a craving for many dealings, rich foods and luxuries, which Hermas links to the angel of iniquity.

10 “Therefore, when he rises into your heart, he immediately speaks to you about righteousness, purity, chastity, contentment, and every righteous deed and glorious virtue.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD)
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Source 2, page 6 **Read it in the library ›**

THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages focus mostly on food, money and worry; they say less about contentment in illness or grief.
- They do not give a full list of Bible verses on contentment.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 15 early Christian passages and 146 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–15, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 16–106, in Bible order), then 55 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

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EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *15 passages from 10 writers*

Didache, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

1 *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 8 (on point 4) Do not let your fasts be like those of the hypocrites. For they fast on the second and fifth days of the week. But you should fast on the fourth… [continues online] **read ›**

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · source 2*

2 *Shepherd* **Quote 10, page 5** "he rises into your heart, he immediately speaks to you about righteousness, purity, chastity, contentment, and every righteous deed and glorious virtue. When all these rise into your heart, know… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · source 3*

3 *Diatessaron* 10 (1885 English; on point 5) "6:34 Be not anxious for the morrow; for the morrow shall be anxious for what belongs to it. Sufficient unto the day is its evil… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · source 4*

4 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 4** "he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 5–8*

5 *Instructor* 1.5 (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** "unto the day is the evil thereof… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Instructor* 1.12 **Quote 8, page 4** and manner in which human life may be made more healthy. Besides this, he prepares us for a self-sufficient way of life, for simplicity, for having our loins girded… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Stromata* 4.16 (1885 English) "the divine apostle furnishes the rule for the Gnostic in these words, writing as follows: For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, to be content… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Instructor* 3.11 **Quote 1, page 2** "is also content. And contentment is a habit that does without unnecessary things and, so that there may be no lack, accepts what is enough for a healthy and blessed… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · source 9*

9 *On Prayer* 6 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 3** "even that nocturnal knocker knocked for bread… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 10*

10 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** "bread, and that, too, not for a great number of years, but what is sufficient for us today… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 11*

11 *Commentary on John* 1 (1885 English) "this road is itself sufficient for all the supplies of our journey… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 12*

12 *On the Jewish Meats* 1 **Quote 4, page 3** "Timothy 6:10, for it follows in the footsteps of luxury… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 13–15*

13 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "for the day is the evil thereof… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Epistles* (on point 2) also can be helped along with the others who are supported by the help of the Church, if he is content with very simple but innocent food. And let him… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** "having food and clothing, let us therewith be content… [continues online] **read ›**

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THE BIBLE *91 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

16 **Genesis 32:11** Deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him, lest he come and strike me, and the mother along with the children. (Septuagint Genesis 32:12 (Genesis 32:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

17 **Exodus 16:4** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread for you from heaven. The people shall go out and gather each day’s portion for that day, so that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. **read ›**

18 **Exodus 16:5** And on the sixth day they shall prepare whatever they bring in, and it shall be double what they gather day by day.” **read ›**

19 **Exodus 16:16** “This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is the word that the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one for those who belong to him, an omer for every head, according to the number of persons among you; each of you gather it together with those who share your tent.’” **read ›**

20 **Exodus 16:18** When they measured it by the omer, the one who had gathered much had nothing left over, and the one who had gathered less lacked nothing; each gathered for those who belonged to him. **read ›**

21 **Exodus 16:21** They gathered it morning by morning, each as much as he needed; and when the sun grew hot, it melted. **read ›**

22 **Exodus 16:22** On the sixth day they gathered double what was needed, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and reported it to Moses. **read ›**

23 **Exodus 16:23** Moses said to them, “Is this not the word that the Lord spoke? Tomorrow is the Sabbath, a holy rest to the Lord. Bake what you will bake, and boil what you will boil; and all that is left over, set it aside to be kept until morning.” **read ›**

24 **Exodus 16:25** Then Moses said, “Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the Lord; it shall not be found in the plain. **read ›**

25 **Exodus 16:29** See, the Lord has given you this day as the Sabbath; for this reason he gave you bread for two days on the sixth day. Each of you shall stay in your houses; let no one go out of his place on the seventh day.” **read ›**

26 **Exodus 36:7** The materials they had were sufficient for them to make the construction, and they had some left over. **read ›**

27 **Leviticus 22:30** It shall be eaten on that same day; you shall not leave any of the meat until morning: I am the Lord. **read ›**

28 **Numbers 11:22** Shall sheep and oxen be slaughtered for them, and will it be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered for them, and will it be enough for them?” **read ›**

29 **Deuteronomy 26:11** and you shall rejoice in all the good things that the Lord your God has given you, you and your household, and the Levite and the resident foreigner who is among you. **read ›**

30 **1 Kings 4:22** And these were Solomon’s needs for one day: thirty cors of fine flour and sixty cors of ground meal, (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:2 (1 Kings 4:22 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

31 **1 Kings 5:2** And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:16 (1 Kings 5:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

32 **2 Kings 25:30** And his allowance, a continual allowance, was given to him from the king’s house, a portion for each day, all the days of his life. **read ›**

33 **Psalms 12:8** The ungodly walk all around; according to your loftiness you have greatly cared for the sons of men. (Septuagint Psalm 11:9 (Psalm 12:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

34 **Isaiah 17:4** In that day the glory of Jacob will fail, and the rich things of his glory will be shaken. **read ›**

35 **Jeremiah 4:8** For these things wrap yourselves in sackcloth, and lament and wail, for the wrath of the Lord has not turned away from you. **read ›**

36 **Jeremiah 31:11** For the Lord has redeemed Jacob; he has rescued him from the hand of those stronger than he. (Septuagint Jeremiah 38:11 (Jeremiah 31:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

37 **Jeremiah 32:1** The word that came from the Lord to Jeremiah in the tenth year of King Zedekiah; this was the eighteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. (Septuagint Jeremiah 39:1 (Jeremiah 32:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

38 **Jeremiah 35:9** and so as not to build houses to dwell in; and we have had no vineyard or field or seed. (Septuagint Jeremiah 42:9 (Jeremiah 35:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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39 **Jeremiah 36:4** So Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and he wrote on a scroll of a book, from the mouth of Jeremiah, all the words of the Lord which he had spoken to him. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:4 (Jeremiah 36:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

40 **Jeremiah 36:16** When they had heard all the words, they took counsel each with his neighbor and said, “Let us surely tell the king all these words.” (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:16 (Jeremiah 36:16 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

41 **Ezekiel 10:13** And these wheels were called Gelgel in my hearing. **read ›**

42 **Ezekiel 27:17** Judah and the children of Israel, these were your merchants, in the sale of grain and ointments and cassia; and they gave the best honey and oil and resin to your mixed trade. **read ›**

43 **Daniel 3:4** And the herald cried aloud, “O peoples, tribes, and languages, to you it is commanded: **read ›**

44 **Daniel 3:5** at the hour you hear the sound of the trumpet, pipe, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and every kind of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. **read ›**

45 **Hosea 5:9** Ephraim has become a desolation in the days of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel I have shown what is sure. **read ›**

46 **Hosea 7:14** And their hearts did not cry out to me, but they wailed on their beds; for grain and wine they cut themselves. **read ›**

47 **Hosea 9:7** The days of vengeance have come, the days of your repayment have come; and Israel shall suffer harm like the prophet who is out of his mind, the man who is carried by a spirit; because of the multitude of your unrighteousness your madness has increased. **read ›**

48 **Amos 2:9** But I removed the Amorite from before them, whose height was like the height of a cedar, and he was strong as an oak; and I dried up his fruit from above and his roots from below. **read ›**

49 **Amos 8:7** The Lord swears by the pride of Jacob: None of your works shall ever be forgotten. **read ›**

50 **Habakkuk 1:15** He has drawn up destruction with a hook, and dragged him with a casting net, and gathered him in his dragnets; therefore his heart will rejoice and be glad. **read ›**

51 **1 Esdras 9:52** for the day is holy to the Lord; and do not be sorrowful, for the Lord will glorify you.” **read ›**

52 **Tobit 5:19** For the life the Lord has given us to live is enough for us.” **read ›**

53 **Tobit 12:8** Prayer is good with fasting and alms and righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than much with unrighteousness. It is better to give alms than to lay up gold. **read ›**

54 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:9** Let none of us go without a share in our high living; everywhere let us leave signs of our gladness, for this is our portion, and this our lot. **read ›**

55 **Wisdom of Solomon 12:1** For your incorruptible Spirit is in all things. **read ›**

56 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:7** For blessed is the wood through which righteousness comes. **read ›**

57 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:4** Accept whatever is brought upon you, and be patient in the changes of your humiliation. **read ›**

58 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:1** Do not set your mind on your wealth, and do not say, “I have enough.” **read ›**

59 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:15** In great and in small things, do not be ignorant. **read ›**

60 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:27** Better is one who works in all things than one who walks about, or one who glorifies himself and lacks bread. **read ›**

61 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:17** The gift of the Lord remains with the godly, and his good pleasure will prosper forever. **read ›**

62 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:24** Wealth is good to one who has no sin, and poverty is evil in the mouth of the ungodly. **read ›**

63 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:26** A cheerful face is the mark of a heart in good things, and the devising of proverbs is toilsome reasoning. **read ›**

64 **Wisdom of Sirach 15:10** For praise will be spoken in wisdom, and the Lord will prosper it. **read ›**

65 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:23** Gain the trust of your neighbor in his poverty, so that you may be filled together with him in his good things; stand by him in a time of trouble, so that you may share his inheritance with him. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:7** There are nine things I have thought of and called blessed in my heart, and the tenth I will speak with my tongue: a man who rejoices in his children; one who lives to see the fall of his enemies; **read ›**

67 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:4** Whether rich or poor, his heart is good, and at every time his face is cheerful. **read ›**

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68 **Wisdom of Sirach 29:11** Lay up your treasure according to the commandments of the Most High, and it will profit you more than gold. **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Sirach 29:23** Be content with little or much. **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Sirach 32:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 35:23** In every work trust your own soul, for this too is the keeping of the commandments. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 38:22** Remember his judgment, for yours will be so too: “For me yesterday, and for you today.” **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:33** All the works of the Lord are good, and he will supply every need in its hour. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:34** And one cannot say, “This is worse than that,” for all things will be well approved in their time. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:18** The life of a self-sufficient worker will be made sweet, but above both is he who finds a treasure. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:26** Wealth and strength lift up the heart, but above both is the fear of the Lord; there is no lack in the fear of the Lord, and there is no need to seek help in it. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 50:28** Blessed is he who will occupy himself with these things, and he who lays them to heart will become wise. **read ›**

80 **2 Maccabees 9:20** If you and your children are well and your own affairs are as you wish, I give the greatest thanks to God, having my hope in heaven. **read ›**

81 **4 Maccabees 17:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

82 **1 Enoch 102:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **1 Enoch 108:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

84 **Matthew 6:11** Give us today our daily bread. **read ›**

85 **Matthew 6:34** Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day’s own evil is sufficient. **read ›**

86 **Luke 11:3** Give us day by day our daily bread. **read ›**

87 **2 Corinthians 3:5** not that we are sufficient of ourselves to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God, **read ›**

88 **2 Corinthians 6:10** as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things. **read ›**

89 **2 Corinthians 9:8** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that you, always having all sufficiency in everything, may abound to every good work. **read ›**

90 **2 Corinthians 12:10** Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, and in distresses for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. **read ›**

91 **Ephesians 4:10** He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. **read ›**

92 **Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. **read ›**

93 **Philippians 4:8** Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are well spoken of—if there is any virtue and if there is any praise—think on these things. **read ›**

94 **Philippians 4:11** Not that I speak because of need, for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. **read ›**

95 **Philippians 4:12** I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In everything and in all things I have learned the secret, both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in need. **read ›**

96 **Philippians 4:18** But I have received everything in full, and I abound; I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a pleasing aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. **read ›**

97 **1 Thessalonians 5:18** In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. **read ›**

98 **1 Timothy 2:10** but with good works, which is appropriate for women professing godliness. **read ›**

99 **1 Timothy 4:7** But reject profane tales such as old women tell, and train yourself in godliness; **read ›**

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100 **1 Timothy 4:8** For bodily exercise has some value, but godliness has value in all things, having the promise of the life which is now and of that which is to come. **read ›**

101 **1 Timothy 6:5** and constant friction among people corrupted in mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose godliness to be a means of gain. Withdraw from such people. **read ›**

102 **1 Timothy 6:6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **read ›**

103 **1 Timothy 6:8** But having food and clothing, we will be content with that. **read ›**

104 **1 Timothy 6:11** But you, O man of God, flee these things; pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, meekness. **read ›**

105 **Hebrews 13:5** Let your conduct be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you, nor forsake you.” **read ›**

106 **2 Peter 1:6** and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, perseverance; and in perseverance, godliness; **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *55 verses, by reference*

Partly machine-linked: related to the passages, not always quoted in them. Each reference links to the verse in our audio Bible.

Isaiah 58:6

Matthew 5:3 · 6:2 · 6:5 · 6:13 · 6:32 · 6:33 · 7:9 · 10:10 · 11:27 · 15:26 · 26:26

Mark 7:27

Luke 10:22 · 11:5 · 11:11 · 12:16 · 12:29 · 24:25

John 1:50 · 3:18 · 4:16 · 6:33 · 6:35 · 13:33 · 19:11

Acts 3:1 · 10:9

Romans 5:8 · 10:10 · 12:14 · 15:29 · 16:19

1 Corinthians 7:35 · 8:1 · 11:4

2 Corinthians 1:12 · 3:14 · 4:4 · 11:2 · 12:7

Galatians 4:8 · 5:17

Ephesians 4:13

1 Thessalonians 2:6 · 2:7

1 Timothy 4:12 · 6:10

Hebrews 10:32 · 10:39 · 11:26 · 11:36 · 12:1

1 John 3:18 · 4:16

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Searched: Ante-Nicene Fathers volumes 1–9 and the Bible, including the Septuagint.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

A THF member asked “What did the early church teach about being content in all things?” on July 12, 2026. The Historic Faith answered it as a public study on November 9, 2026.

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