"Next to faith, this is the highest art: to be content in the calling in which God has placed you. I have not learned it well yet" *Martin Luther

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"Everyone who is at odds with his <u>environment</u> is at odds with the Lord"

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- ~The Apostle Paul~
- \*\*1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain \*
- \*\* Philippians 4:11-12 I have <u>learned</u> in <u>whatever circumstances</u> I am, to be content ... I have learned the secret....
- \*\* 1 Corinthians 7:17 However as the Lord has apportioned to each one, as God has called each one, so let him walk.
- **18** Was anyone called having been circumcised? He need not efface *it*. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? He need not be circumcised.
- 19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing....
- **{See Galatians 6: 15** For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters}
- 20 Each one, in the calling in which he was called, in this let him remain.
- **21** Were you called as a slave? Let it not concern you; but even if you are able to become free, use *your status as a slave* rather.
- **22** For the slave who has been called in the Lord is the Lord's freedman; likewise the free man who has been called is Christ's slave.
- **23** You were bought with a price; do not be slaves of men.
- 24 Each one, brothers, in what status he was called, in this let him remain with God.
- \*\*1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 Always rejoice, Unceasingly pray...
- **18** In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- \*\*Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.
- 6 In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
- 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses every *man's* understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.
- \*\*Ephesians 5: 18 And do not be drunk with wine ... but be filled in spirit,
  19 Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
  psalming with your heart to the Lord,
- 20 Giving thanks at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

- \*\*Matthew 6:1 But take care not to do your righteousness before men in order to be gazed at by them; otherwise, you have **no reward** with your Father who is in the heavens.
- **3** But you, when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
- 4 So that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
- **5** And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners, **so that they may be seen by men.** Truly I say to you, They have **!**their reward in full.
- **6** But you, when you pray, enter into your <u>private room</u>, and shut your door and <u>pray to your Father who is in secret</u>; and **your Father who sees in secret will repay you.**

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· "Use a sharp knife with yourself, say little, serve all & pass on. This is true greatness, to serve unnoticed and work unseen." John Nelson Darby