

The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment (3)

To be content isn't simple or easy. Saint Paul says he had to learn to be content. (Phil. 4.11). So do we today.

We learn contentment, says Jeremiah Burroughs (1599-1646), in "the school of Christ". The first lesson, self-denial, is difficult. But this is the only way to become Christ's students and learn "the mystery of contentment."

A person who is self-centered, wanting only his own way, becomes hardened and complains when things go against what he wants.

In contrast, when we start to learn self denial, our heart begins to soften, and we are more able to receive setbacks and losses as part of God's sovereign and good working.



Coffee/tea thought: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son" Romans 8.28-29 NIV

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Ref: Jeremiah Burroughs, The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment (1648), published shortly after his death.

基督徒知足的秘訣 (3)

知足難。保羅說他學會了知足（腓立比書 4:11）。今天我們也是一樣。

耶利米巴羅夫（1599-1646）在“基督的學校”中寫道，我們學會知足。第一門課，放下自我，很難。但這是作為基督的學生並學習“知足的奧秘”的唯一途徑。

一個以自我為中心，只想以自己的方式行事的人會變得頑強，當事與願違時就抱怨。

相反地，當我們學習放下自我時，我們的心就變得柔軟，也更能夠接受挫折和損失，視之為上帝掌權和美好作工的一部分。



隨想：“我們曉得萬事都互相效力，叫愛神的人得益處，就是按他旨意被召的人。因為他預先所知道的人，就預先定下效法他兒子的模樣”羅馬書 8:28-29

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參考：耶利米巴羅夫，基督徒知足的秘訣（1648年），在他死後不久出版。