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(Thomas Brooks, "A String of Pearls" 1657)

A man needs very little of this world's goods to carry him through his pilgrimage, until he comes to his home--until he comes to heaven.

A little will satisfy the demands of nature; though nothing will satisfy a man's lusts!

"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content--whether well-fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need." Philippians 4:11-12

A Christian, in the midst of all his worldly delights, comforts, and entertainments, says, "Oh these are not the delights, the comforts, the contentments which my soul looks for, which my soul expects and hopes to enjoy. I look and hope . . . for choicer delights, for sweeter comforts, for more satisfying contentments, for more durable riches!

A Christian's motto always is, or always should be, "I hope for better things! I hope for better things than any the world can give to me, or than any that Satan can take from me!"

"They admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. Instead, they were longing for a better country --a heavenly one." Hebrews 11:13, 16

**Re: The secret of being content -brooks - posted by Chariot, on: 2006/12/13 16:13**

What a timely piece bro Greg. Especially during this time of year when people are frantically busied with all of the holiday shopping.

Advertising agencies and big business would quake if this small nugget of truth suddenly caught fire. However, I fear, that at most will learn the value of contentment the hard way...

To know Jesus and to become unshackled from the maddened consumerism of western civilization. And the blessedness to know there's a better country that awaits those who belong to God.