

**Living in Our Season: For everything there is a season.
To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Summer weather is still here and yet fall has arrived, and Christmas decorations are already on the shelves, so people tend to jump ahead to their favorite season. Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. Cooler weather, beautiful colors, and the smell of spices in the air.

As people, we are never quite content. In the summer, we get tired of the heat and we long for the fall and crisper weather. In the winter, we get tired of the cold and we begin yearning for the spring to pop up some flowers and warmer temperatures. Then in late spring, we begin anticipating summer to get here. We begin itching to feel the sand between our toes and just spend more time out of doors. It's an endless cycle.

It is so easy for us as individuals to want to live in the next season ahead of us in life too. We spend a large portion of our time wishing and longing to be in the next season. Being content is hard. Isn't it? 1 Timothy 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Long ago in Bible times, Paul learned this lesson.

**“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am,
therewith to be content.” Philippians 4:11**

If you read that whole chapter of Philippians 4, you see that Paul is talking about all those times in his life, both good and bad. Paul learned to be content. It's something we all have to learn, or we become the very opposite—which of course is being discontent. That doesn't make a very good way to go through life.

Maybe you tell yourself that if you can just hold off till this happens or that happens then you will be content. Or maybe you tell yourself that if you can just reach that special goal that you'll be happy. That kind of constant thinking can cripple us and stifle our very existence.

Sometimes our seasons and paths of life aren't always pleasant. Sometimes they may seem long. Sometimes we don't understand why we have to stay in a situation or circumstance that seems endless.

I recently read through Psalm 23 again and I was reminded afresh how God can lead us through all those ebbs and flows of life. It's so nice to know that the Lord is always there to see me through and be there with me in whatever season and circumstance of life that comes along.

I pray you have a wonderful FALL, thankful heart at THANKSGIVING, and a very Merry Christmas!!

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