



## FINDING OUT WHAT MATTERS MOST!

### The Gift of Contentment

**Text: Matthew 1:18-25 & Luke 2:1-7**

All Scripture is in the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise notated.

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**GOD DESIRES FOR US TO RECEIVE HIS GIFT OF CONTENTMENT.**

**UNFORTUNATELY, MANY PEOPLE ARE BLIND WITH DISCONTENTMENT, AND FEEL . . .**

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**THE RESULT IS . . .**

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**THE SOLUTION TO DISCONTENTMENT IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_ is called the Word of God.

*John 1:1*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (NASB)*

John 1:14

*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (NASB)*

**JOSEPH AND MARY ARE EXAMPLES OF CONTENTMENT NO MATTER THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_.**

## **FOUR STEPS TO CONTENTMENT**

**#1: THEY \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE WORD.**

*Luke 1:30-31*

*And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus."*

*Matthew 1:20*

*But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."*

**Am I willing to \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

*Romans 10:17*

*"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."(NKJV)*

**#2: THEY \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE WORD.**

*Luke 1:38*

*And Mary said, "Behold, the Lord's bond-servant; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

*Matthew 1:24*

*When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.*

*Luke 2:1-3*

*And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.*

**Am I willing to \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

*Proverbs 16:9*

*"The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."*

**#3: THEY \_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH THE WORD.**

*Luke 2:4-5*

*Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.*

**Am I willing to \_\_\_\_\_?**

*Romans 5:3-4*

*“And not only that, but we also rejoice in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope.” (HCSB)*

**#4: THEY \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE WORD.**

*Matthew 1:21*

*“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

*Luke 2:7*

*And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

**Am I willing to \_\_\_\_\_?**

*1 Peter 5:6-7*

*“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” (NIV)*

## **HOME APPLICATION**

**Memorize** *Matthew 1:21*

*“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

**Read Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:1-7**

**Ask the related questions regarding the Four Steps to Contentment.**

**When you feel overwhelmed and stressed out, spend time using the four steps.**