

fearless

"(v.5) Don't be obsessed with getting more material things.
Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us,
'I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,'
(v.6) we can boldly quote,
'God is there, ready to help; I'm fearless no matter what.
Who or what can get to me?"

Hebrews 13:5-6

The Message

These amazing words in Hebrews 13:5-6 have their roots deep in the Old Testament, specifically the Israelite leadership change from Moses to Joshua. Their experience made any presidential change in America look like a piece of cake. These are the words of Moses to Israel just days before the change—over.

- *"Be strong. Take courage. Don't be intimidated. Don't give them a second thought because GOD, your God, is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you."—Deuteronomy 31:6*

With **strength**,

and **courage**,

you will face and conquer your enemies—loss of work, fear, discouragement.

Remember:

God won't **let** you down!

God won't **leave** you!

The Psalmist writes:

- *"Pushed to the wall, I called to God; from the wide open spaces, he answered. GOD's now at my side and I'm not afraid; who would dare lay a hand on me? GOD's my strong champion; I flick off my enemies like flies."—Psalm 118:6-7*

I called to **God** who is now by my **side**!

Since God is my undefeated champion, I'm **FEARLESS** !

NEED MORE?

Absorb these words from God through the Apostle Paul.

"I am *not* saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned *the secret* of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:11-13

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"content whatever the circumstances" -Paul genuinely appreciates the gifts from Philippi, but he is not dependent on them.

"content" in the Greek language was used by the people to mean "self-sufficient"
The Greeks believed that this characteristic was the most valuable attribute of the wise or complete person.

The major different between the Greeks and the Apostle Paul was this:
Paul does not find the resources for this attitude in himself.

NO!

Paul maintains that the resources for this attitude reside in Christ Jesus alone!

IN FACT,

only in union with the living, exalted Christ is the secret of being content

AND

the source of Paul's abiding strength!

Check this out!

"... there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. . . . for when I am weak, then I am strong."

II Corinthians 12:7-10

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Isn't this a great time to either 1) establish your relationship with Christ through faith, or 2) to strengthen and deepen your relationship with Him by your growing sense of contentment?