

Wednesday Devotional

03/06/24

Scripture: Philippians 4: 11

A Passion to Please God By Rev. Billy Graham

Popularity and praise can be far more dangerous for the Christian than persecution. They can turn us away from God without our even being aware of it, making us like those in Jesus' day who "loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12: 43).

Unfortunately, it is easy when all goes well to lose our perspective. Instead, we must learn like Paul to be content in whatever state we find ourselves.

The important thing is to have one consuming passion: to please Christ. Then, whatever happens, we know He has permitted it to take place to teach us and to perfect us for His service. He will enrich our circumstances, be they pleasant or disagreeable, by His presence with us.

Ask God to keep you from worrying about what others think, and to be content with whatever He sends your way. All the tomorrows of our lives have to pass Him before they get to us!

Graham, Rev. Billy. *Hope For Each Day*. Thomas Nelson: Nashville, 2002