

God's Promise of Provision: *I Shall Not Want*

"I am the boss," is a bold, declarative statement. "I am hungry," is clear and to the point. "Our mission is..." is the beginning of a definitive statement. The Bible is full of bold, clear, definitive statements about God and our relationship with him. "I shall not want," may be one of the most comforting of those statements when we truly understand its context.

Like sheep, we are content when our needs are met – when we think we are no longer wanting. But, remember that, unlike a sheep, our needs are not merely physical.

Study Questions – *begin with prayer and ask God to open your heart and mind. Be honest with yourself and with God. There are no right or wrong answers.*

1. Make a bold, definitive statement about your relationship with God.
2. Make a list of your needs which God has met.
3. Make a list of your needs God has not met.

Read: Job 1:13-18, Job 2:7, Psalms 105:17-18, 2 Corinthians 11: 24-27

4. (*Personal*) Tell of a time when you were experiencing poverty, hardship, or anguish.
5. How did you feel when things were at their worst?

14. Why are you sometimes not content with God?

15. What is too insignificant to give to God to deal with or to manage?

Read John 10:10

16. To you, what does it mean to have an "abundant life"?

17. What are you still searching for? What do you lack that makes you less than content?

18. How do you deal with your discontent?

19. How does God deal with your discontent?

20. What do you truly want from God?

21. What steps will you take this week to find contentment?