PROPOSITION: Contentment is not the absence of desire but focusing our desire on that which has higher or eternal value – the long term benefits are more than we can envision!

I. True contentment deepens joys and thanks 

A. Contentment is not the absence of desire

B. Contentment enhances any gifts/grace received

C. Contentment allows us to see so much more

II. True contentment must be learned

A. We are naturally discontent over time (wanting more)

B. Contentment doesn’t come from getting more, having more or having a need filled

C. Contentment is not dependent on the circumstances

  (1 Corinthians 4:11-13; 2 Corinthians 4:8-12; 11:24-27)

D. Contentment is a decision

III. We get empowerment for true contentment from Jesus

A. This verse is an often quoted verse & the conclusion of the paragraph

B. Jesus gives us strength (in all kinds of situations)

C. This verse most specifically deals with power for contentment

D. If circumstances cause us to curse God, we are holding on too tightly