

A Contented Life

What do you want your life to be? What will make it successful?

German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 – 1832), referred to as “Germany’s greatest man of letters,” offered nine essentials for a full and contented life:

1. Health enough to make work a pleasure.
2. Wealth enough to support your needs.
3. Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them.
4. Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them.
5. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished.
6. Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor.
7. Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.
8. Faith enough to make real the things of God.
9. Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

That’s a pretty good outline for the years we spend on this earth.

--Beecher Hunter