

What Kills Contentment?

Attitude	Description	Name of God	Attribute of God
Comparison	God deals with each of us differently, but pride says, "I'm as good as"	<i>Adonai Jehovah</i> = master . . . LORD God	God is Sovereign. He is in control; He is just.
Complaining	Having a griping, murmuring, negative spirit instead of a meek spirit (all of God's dealings with me are good)	<i>El Shaddai</i> = the strength giver, He satisfies	God is good.
Callousness	Showing a lack of gratitude for what I already have	<i>Jehovah</i> = the redemptive name of God; a special relationship with man	God is love; self-sacrificial love, a giver (John 3:16; Romans 8:32).
Catastrophe	Always fearful and worrying about the future and security	<i>Jehovah-raah</i> = the Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23)	God is omniscient, and He cares for you; therefore . . . (1 Peter 5:7).
Consumption	Taking no joy in the little things—all I need to make me happy is just a little bit more.	<i>Jehovah-Jireh</i> vs. <i>Visa</i> —the Lord will provide	God is all-sufficient (Matthew 6:33).
Calculation	This is not like I thought it would be—wrong expectations and unfulfilled goals.	<i>El-Olam</i> = the Everlasting God, a help in all seasons	God is omnipotent. For Gideon, the "path was hard." "My expectations are of the Lord," Psalm 62:5.
Covetousness	I want what they have; I want more than they have. <i>Instead of</i> I'll give what I've got and give it liberally.	<i>Jehovah-Elohim</i> = the Creator, the Strong One, the Self-existent One who reveals himself	God is jealous—a Holy God (Colossians 3:5 = idolatry), Creator of heaven and earth, man, woman, and all things; giver of life; giver of the covering for sin and redemption through His Son, and giver of the Word of God.