

# **Want Nothing? Have Everything!: Psalm 23**

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We lack nothing because the Lord supplies everything.

## **1. The Lord Wisely Leads Us as Our Always Present Shepherd, 23:1-4**

a. He nourishes us in the green pastures, 23:1-2a  
while we resolve to make good dietary choices, let's also fill our minds with the truth of God's word, satisfy our appetite with the pursuit of God's Son, and build our muscle through the strength of God's Spirit

b. He refreshes us beside the quiet waters, 23:2b-3a  
the quiet, calming waters that restore us through the purifying waters of God's forgiveness (Ezekiel 37:25) and the living waters of our Messiah (John 4:13-14)

c. He directs us along the right paths, 23:3b  
the Lord's credibility as our leader rises or falls based on our choices as his follower

d. He accompanies us through the darkest valley, 23:4  
we are not anxious in the moment because we are not alone in the valley

## **2. The Lord Graciously Invites Us as Our Never Absent Friend, 23:5-6**

a. He seats us at a table before our enemies, 23:5  
when our backs are up against the wall, we can always count on the Lord who prepares a table for us (sustaining us), anoints our head (honoring us), and fills our cup (blessing us)

b. He brings us into the house of the Lord, 23:6  
being separated and distanced from one another, we appreciate even more the joy of reconnecting with the Lord and his people in his sacred dwelling place