

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: Philippians – verse by verse

**Scriptures for Today: Philippians 4:10-23 – contentment; missions giving; all needs supplied**

Today's Message:  
**"Heavenly Minded"**



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we were reminded of how to live a life of peace and how life challenges can steal our peace. There are very real consequences for neglecting God's instructions. Today, we will end this book with practical help from God again if we will obey His words. Paul **LEARNED** contentment through the things which he experienced in life. Jesus **LEARNED** obedience the same way. You have heard it said that some people are so heavenly minded they are of no earthly good. However, the word of God says the opposite; God exhorts His people to be heavenly minded for His glory! This is God's message to you...

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### ❖ The Text                      Philippians 4:10-23

#### A. Learning Contentment – godliness with contentment is great gain.

1. Paul said that he **LEARNED** contentment by following Jesus Christ.

- **Philippians 4:10** – ... I rejoiced in the Lord greatly... **your care of me** hath flourished...
- **Philippians 4:11** – Not that I speak in respect of WANT: for I have **LEARNED**, **in whatsoever state I am**, therewith to be CONTENT.
- **Philippians 4:12** – I **know both** how to BE ABASED, and I **know** how to ABOUND: **EVERY WHERE** and **IN ALL THINGS I am INSTRUCTED both** to BE FULL and to BE HUNGRY, **both** to ABOUND and to SUFFER NEED.
- **Philippians 4:13** – I CAN DO ALL THINGS **through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

#### Problem if Neglected

Discontentment breeds covetousness, anxiety and worry, ingratitude, and sinful life choices.

#### 2 Corinth 12:9

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for **my strength is made perfect in weakness...**

#### Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation be **WITHOUT** covetousness; and **be content** with such things as ye have...

- "Want"**                      Necessity; poverty.
- "Content"**                Held, contained with limits; having a mind of peace; satisfied.
- "Abased"**                Reduced to a low state; humbled.
- "Abound"**                To be in great plenty; well supplied.

**John 15:5** ... for **without me** ye can do nothing.

#### Comparing Scriptures

- ✓ **1 Timothy 6:6** – But godliness with contentment is great gain.
- ✓ **Hebrews 5:8** – Though...a Son... learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;
- ✓ **Proverbs 27:20** – Hell... destruction... never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.
- ✓ **1 John 2:16** – For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes...

#### Personal Application

In want, pray for strength to trust; in plenty, pray for humility to remain **THANKFUL**.

**"... for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."**

Paul had found the great gain he wrote to Timothy about. It is not just a theory or dream never to be experienced. It is a joy that is realized by learning and trusting God!

## B. Heavenly Treasures – giving is accepted as an offering to God Himself.

2. Paul commended the believers for **GIVING** to the Lord through mission support.

### Problem if Neglected

It hinders God's work, forfeits eternal rewards, reflects distrust of God's provision, and robs of joy in obedience.

- **Philippians 4:14** – ... ye have well done that ye did **COMMUNICATE** with my affliction.
- **Philippians 4:15** – ... in the beginning... **no church communicated with me... but ye only.**
- **Philippians 4:16** – For even in Thessalonica **ye sent once and again** unto my necessity.
- **Philippians 4:17** – Not ... desire gift... **I desire FRUIT** that may abound to your ACCOUNT.
- **Philippians 4:18** – ...odour of a **sweet smell**, a **sacrifice acceptable**, wellpleasing to God.

**"Communicate"**

Sharing materially or spiritually; giving a portion to another.

**"Account"**

A registry; general statement of sums; eternal accounting by God.

### Comparing Scriptures

- ✓ **2 Corinth 8:1-2** – ... in **great trial of affliction**... their deep poverty abounded...
- ✓ **2 Corinth 8:3** – ... and **beyond their power** they were willing of themselves;
- ✓ **2 Corinth 8:5** – ...**first gave their own selves to the Lord**, and unto us by the will of God.
- ✓ **2 Corinth 11:9** – ... lacking to me the brethren **which came from Macedonia** supplied...
- ✓ **Matthew 6:19-20; 19:21; 25:34-40** – Lay **not** up for yourselves **treasures upon earth**...
- ✓ **1 Timothy 6:19** – Laying up **in store for themselves** a good foundation... eternal life.
- ✓ **Luke 12:33-34; 18:22** – ... a **treasure in the heavens**... For where your treasure is...
- ✓ **John 15:8** – Herein is my Father glorified... **MUCH FRUIT**; so shall ye be my disciples.
- ✓ **Romans 15:28** – When... **I have performed this**, and have sealed to them THIS FRUIT...

### Personal Application

Giving is fruit to your heavenly **ACCOUNT**. Every Christian is called to be a gospel partner, not just a pew-sitter. Are you laying up heavenly treasures or earthly only?

### Important Note

The Philippians gave generously despite being poor and afflicted.

### 2 Corinth 9:7

... for God loveth a cheerful giver.

### 2 Corinth 9:8-11

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you...

### Acts 20:35

... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

## C. Promised Provision – the faithful giver is promised supply for all needs.

3. Paul spoke of the supply of God to faithfully provide for all **NEEDS** of the givers.

- **Philippians 4:19** – **But my God shall supply ALL YOUR NEED**... according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- **Philippians 4:20** – Now **unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever.** Amen.

### Comparing Scriptures

- ✓ **Psalms 23:1** – **The LORD is my shepherd**; I shall not want.
- ✓ **Psalms 84:11** – ... **no good thing will he withhold** from them that walk uprightly.
- ✓ **Prov 3:9,10** – Honour the LORD with thy substance... firstfruits of all thine increase...
- ✓ **Proverbs 11:24-25** – There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth...
- ✓ **Malachi 3:10** – Bring ye all the tithes... and **PROVE ME**... if I will not open you...
- ✓ **Mark 12:41-44** – ... there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites...
- ✓ **John 12:3-8** – Then took Mary a pound of ointment... house was filled... the odour...

### Personal Application

Does the promise apply to you? Needs and wants are different; trust God as Provider.

**"Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."**

This is the mission of God's church! Amen. God is glorified when we bear much fruit for His glory. And as we get more heavenly minded, He will get more and more fruit!