

Unlocking the Good Life

A series in Philippians

**On Contentment &
Giving
Philippians 4:10-20**



NIV **Philippians 1:13 & 20-23**

13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. **21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. **22** If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! **23** I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;



NIV **Philippians 4:10-13**

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



NIV **Philippians 4:14-17**

14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. **15** Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; **16** for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. **17** Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.



NIV **Philippians 4:18-20**

18 I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. **19** And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



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Contentment in Greek Philosophy

“The happy man is content with his present lot, no matter what it is, and is reconciled to his circumstances “

- *Seneca*

As quoted in Joseph Hellerman's *Philippians* EGGNT commentary



Welcome Christmas

*Christmas Day will always be
Just as long as we have we*



Philippians 4:13

“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” NLT

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Call to each individual: to find a true contentment that is based on a relationship with Christ alone

Call to the church: to give to God in participation with his ministry

