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PHILIPPIANS

#JOY in contentment

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. ¹⁵ Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. ¹⁸ Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

~ Philippians 4:10-19

PAUL LEARNED TO BE...

1. CONTENT IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE

***But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly** that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. ~ Philippians 4:10*

2. CONTENT IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE HE FOUND HIMSELF IN

*Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, **to be content**. ~ Philippians 4:11*

The word "content" "*autarkeia*" in the Greek means to be entirely "self-sufficient."

"A resting or satisfaction of mind without worry. It is "internal satisfaction which does not demand changes in external circumstances." ~ Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary

When we focus on material things, our **HAVING** will never catch up with our **WANTING!**
~ John McArthur

If you love money, you will never be satisfied; if you long to be rich, you will never get all you want. It is useless. ~ Ecclesiastics 5:10 (GNT)

3. CONTENT WHETHER HE HAD PLENTY OR LACK

I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ~ Philippians 4:12

4. CONTENT IN CHRIST

Memory Verse

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
~ Philippians 4:13*

5. CONTENT IN SEEING OTHER PEOPLE BLESSED

Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. ¹⁵ Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. ¹⁸ Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:14-19

Jesus said, *“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.” ~ Luke 6:38*

Next Steps:

- Become a follower of Jesus
- Memorize Philippians 4:13
- Sing up to be water baptized
- Sign up for the summer Growth Track
- Fill out your digital Connect Card
- Honor God in your giving
- Invite a friend to join us in person or online for next week’s service.