

Renewing our minds (Considerations)

- The greatness of His mercies
 - Eph 1:3
- God beforehand
- The abundance of mercies
- Circumstances change for all creation and creation suffers
- We have little time
- Content with the world without grace should be content with grace without the world
- We experience God doing us good

Direction to contentment

- Do not grasp the world
- Have a CALL in every business
- Walk by rule
- Exercise faith
- Be spiritually minded
- Seek simplicity
- Mortify the affection for the world

Christ Our Contentment

Phil 4: 11b for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

Contentment Defined: Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious, frame of spirit, freely submitting to, and taking delight in God's wise, and fatherly disposal in every condition.

Contentment is **ACTING** your FAITH

- **Are you a Follower of Christ?**

Phil 3:1- 4:1

Phil 2:12-18

Phil 1:27-29

Learn Contentment from Christ

- **Self-denial**
 - Matt 16:24–26
- How does Christ teach self denial and how does that bring contentment?
 - 1) **We are nothing** Ps 8, Gen 3:19
 - 2) **I deserve nothing** - 1 Chronicles 17:16
 - 3) **I can do nothing** - John 15:5

Self-denying soul takes delight in God's ways

- God's ends are my ends
- God's means are my means

- **Outside of Christ all is Vanity**

- Ecclesiastes
- Isaiah 55:2
- Matthew 6:19-22
- Matthew 19:29-30

- **Only One Thing is Needful**

- Luke 12:22
- Luke 10:41-42
- Ps 16:5 0

- **Our Relationship with the World**

- Phil 3:20-21
- 2 Tim 2:3
- 1Peter 2:11
- Ps 119:19
- 2 Cor 4:17-18
- Suffering helps train our hearts and minds that this world is passing away
 - Jesus' temptations
 - 1 John 2:15-16

- **Where our Good is Found**

- Hebrews 12:1-2
- John 17
- Serve him regardless of circumstances
 - Triumphant Entry vs Cross
 - Feeding the multitudes vs instructing the 12

- **Knowing the Heart**

- Suffering teaches us our hearts
 - Jesus in the garden again

“God expects that every day you should turn over a leaf in your own hearts.”

- **Knowing the burden of prosperous condition**

- 1 Tim 6:10
- Luke 12:48

- **Evils of being given up to our heart's desire**

- John 13:18-30
- Romans 1 - God gave them up
- Ps 81:11,12
- Isa 29:24

- **God's providence**

- Heb 11:3
- Ps 110

- **God's plan is in motion**

- Job 18:4
- 1 Peter 4:12
- Exodus 15
- Hebrews 2:18