

- **No bible study next week for Thanksgiving. Resumes 12/4.**

LESSON 12 : Philippians 4:10-19

¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹ Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, you have done well to share *with me* in my affliction. ¹⁵ You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; ¹⁶ for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs.

¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. ¹⁸ But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Introductory Observations :

1. Finances
2. Paul's Attitude :

SECTION 1A : Thank you for your concern. V 10

1. **V10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly.**

 2. **V10 Concern**

 3. **V10 You were concerned, but you lacked opportunity.**
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SECTION 1B: I WANT NOTHING MORE THAN WHAT I HAVE, WHAT I HAVE IS CHRIST. V11-13

1. **V11 not that I speak from want.**

 2. **V11 : I have learned to be **content** in whatever circumstances I am.**
 - a. **Word Study : Content : **αὐτάρκης autárkēs**;**

 - b. **What's impressive :**

 3. **V13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.**
 - a. **Through Him, who strengthens.**
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SECTION 2A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FELLOWSHIP V 14-16

1. ¹⁴ **Nevertheless, you have done well to share *with me* in my affliction.**
 - a. **Share : synkoinoneo.**

SECTION 2B. BLESSINGS TO YOU.

1. **Qualification :**

2. ¹⁸ acceptable sacrifice

Conclusion :**Discussion Questions :**

1. Discuss further what “being content means.” How would you summarize the concept learning how to be content?
 - a. How is contentment different from laziness and not wanting to do more than you have to?
 - b. How is contentment different / similar to thankfulness?
2. Please share and evaluation of your own contentment? Are you very easily swayed by circumstances?
3. Discuss what kind of confidence believers should have from this passage? Share any personal experiences where you were trying to do God’s will and felt empowered.
 - a. There seems to be a fine line between abusing Verse 13 and actually being confidence in Christ. What is a good way to apply this passage in real life?
4. How has the example of financial giving from Philipian church challenged you?

12/4 : Philippians 4:20-23 + Review**Study Questions :**

1. Please identify the different elements of this conclusion to the letter. I.e. Commands, Prayer.
2. Why does he desire the church to greet all the saints?
3. Who are the household of Casear?
4. Please take time to review the book and identify major movements (sections).
5. What were some of the major or most important commands in the entire letter?
6. What did we learn about Paul’s perspective as a believer in Christ?