

PHILIPPIANS - THE KEYS TO RELEASING OUR JOY

Lesson 10

Review: *Paul has shown us how we can still experience the Joy of the Lord by understanding the various ways our joy can be imprisoned in life. Our Pain, Our Pride, Our Past, Our Pettiness and Our Wrong Perspectives are all capable of quenching the joyful heart of the Christian.*

RESCUING OUR JOY FROM THE PRISON OF OUR POSSESSIONS - Phil. 4:10-20

I. SCRIPTURE EXPOSES THE JAIL OF COVETOUSNESS - Luke 12:13-34

- A) It's not the possessions, but the EXPECTATIONS - Prov. 23:1-5
- 1) We can expect things to provide SATISFACTION - Luke 12:15
 - 2) We can expect things to provide SECURITY - Luke 12:19
 - 3) We can expect things to provide SIGNIFICANCE - I Tim. 6:17-19
- B) It's not the possessions, but the AFFECTIONS - Luke 12:34
- 1) Who/what we treasure, we will SEEK first - Luke 12:29-31
 - 2) Who/what we treasure, we will SERVE first - Luke 16:10-14
 - 3) Who/what we treasure, we will SATISFY first - Col. 3:1-7
- C) It's not the possessions, but the CONVERSATION - Heb. 13:5-6
- 1) Those in the jail of greed can't know the joy of GRATEFULNESS
 - 2) Those in the jail of greed can't know the joy of GENEROSITY
 - 3) Those in the jail of greed can't know the joy of GODLINESS

II. PAUL EXPRESSES THE JOY OF CONTENTMENT - Phi. 4:10-20

- A) Contentment gains more joy from the GIVER than the gift - vs. 10
- 1) Contentment sees every gift as from GOD - Jam. 1:17
 - 2) Contentment sees every gift as for GOD'S WORK - vs. 14-18
 - 3) Contentment sees every gift as a gain for the GIVER - vs. 19
 - 4) Contentment sees every gift as ultimately for God's GLORY - vs. 20
- B) Contentment retains joy everywhere and in EVERYTHING - vs. 11-12
- C) Contentment maintains joy through both poverty and PLENTY - vs. 13
- D) Contentment explains the joy of spending and being SPENT - II Cor 12:15