

# "DISCOVER THE SECRET"

**The myth of joy:** The more I have, the happier I'll be.

**Ecclesiastes 5:10** – Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!

**The secret to joy:** Learn how to be content.

**Philippians 4:11-12** – Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

**Biblical contentment:** the inward state of perpetual joy,  
peace, and strength in every moment, regardless of  
the circumstances.

**To be content:**

1. Be grateful when it is natural to compare.

- **Philippians 4:10, 14** – How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

2. Be Christ-dependent when it is natural to be self-reliant.

- **Philippians 4:13** – For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

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### 3. Be generous when it is natural to be greedy.

- **Philippians 4:15-20** – As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness. At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.

#### Coming soon:

1. **Back-to-School Blessing Bags:** As another school year approaches, we would like to bless the teachers and school staff who are part of DRC with the supplies they need. DRC teachers or school staff who sign up will receive one bag to keep and one bag to give to a colleague. Stop by the display on Main Street for more information.
2. **Next Sunday at DRC:** Don't miss next week at DRC. First, one of our favorite guest speakers, Andrew Segre, will be with us. Second, it's Promotion Sunday: All kids and students will be moving up to the next grade. We can't wait to see you!
3. **Connect Class:** If you are ready to find out more about becoming a member at DRC, join us for Connect Class on Sunday, August 17, after the 10:45 am service. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Sign up at the Connect Center.