

Content: Learning the Discipline of a Satisfied Soul

Hard to Come By

Philippians 4:11-13

Paul calls our attention to...

Contentment **Defined** - v.11

- **Contentment:** a perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is **needed** (Philippians 4:11); a **mind** contented with its lot (1 Timothy 6:6). (Strong's Definition)

Contentment **Learned** - v.11b

- **Learned:** to learn by **use** and **practice**; the product of experience and pursuit of understanding (Strong's Definition)
 - Learning as we fight the flesh and encounter trials - James 1:2-4
 - Learn as we trust the Lord - Romans 5:3-5

Contentment **Tested** - v.12a

- Tested with **Difficulty**: brought low (to be humbled), hunger and need
- Tested by **Wealth**: abound (Matthew 19:23-24), plenty and abundance

Contentment **Empowered** - vv.12b-13

- **Through:** in the **interior** of some whole; **within** the limits of some space. (Strong's Definition)