



Be Content

John Blackmon Meansville Baptist Church October 11, 2020

OT Reference: Prov. 23:7; Is. 26:3 **NT Reference:** Jn. 17:17; Acts 9:22; 2 Cor. 12:10; Eph. 5:26, 6:10; Col.1:29; Thess.5:18; 1Tim. 1:12, 6:8; 2 Tim. 2:1, 4:17; Heb.11:34

Philippians 4 ⁹ *What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*¹⁰ *I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.* ¹¹ *Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.* ¹² *I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.* ¹³ *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

In this text The Apostle Paul rejoices in the Philippian church's expressed concern for him as he expresses his contentment in the Lord Who strengthens him.

For us today we must recognize our need to be _____ in every circumstance as the Lord supplies strength in our weakness.

- **Practice these things.** (vs. 9)
 - Things that you've learned.
 - Things you've received.
 - Things that you've _____.
 - Things that you've _____.

- _____ **in these things. (vs. 10)**
 - _____ for one another
 - Expressed _____ for one another.
- **Be** _____ **in these things. (vs. 11 – 12)**
 - Regardless of circumstance.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 *give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*

“Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.”
– Jeremiah Burroughs

- Regardless of perceived _____.
- Little
- Plenty

1 Timothy 6:8 *But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.*

"Contentment is not by addition but by subtraction: seeking to add a thing will not bring contentment. Instead, subtracting from your desires until you are satisfied only with Christ brings contentment." – Jeremiah Burroughs

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess” - Martin Luther

- _____ **these things. (vs. 13)**
 - Through Him.
 - By His _____.
 - Luke tells us this is what happened to him when he began preaching the Gospel (Acts 9:22)
 - He testifies that he himself was strengthened (2Tim.4:17)
 - He gives it as an instruction to Timothy. (1 Tim.1:12; 2 Tim.2:1)
 - He gives it as an instruction to the whole _____ (Eph.6:10)

MBC Sermons can be accessed online on our website: meansvillbaptistchurch.com or can be found on iTunes. CDs are also available in the office upon request