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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Twenty-Eight • Philippians 4:10-13
The Secret of Contentment

Two Temptations in Tough Times

Tough times pose two temptations: ANXIETY and DISCONTENT.

Anxiety frets over the question, "Will I have enough to survive?"

Discontent asks, "Do I have enough to make me happy?"

The Secret of Contentment

1. Contentment Is JOYFUL for the Loving Concern of Others!

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. Not that I am speaking of being in need... Philippians 4:10-11

2. Contentment Is SATISFIED in Whatever Situation God Allows or Appoints!

...for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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. Philippians 4:11-12

The Rare Jewel of Contentment

- Be content with WHERE you are when it comes to status.

- Be content with WHAT you have when it comes to stuff.

3. Contentment Is LEARNED Over Time as We Face Times of Abundance and Need!

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The School of Abundance and Need

- When in the school of abundance, exalt Jesus as the GIVER of that abundance.

- When in the school of need, count Jesus as the ultimate GAIN in your life.

4. Contentment Is ROOTED in Christ's Sufficiency Not Self-Sufficiency!

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Contentment and Christ

The "secret" of contentment is to treasure Christ as the Sovereign Savior who is worthy of your trust in every situation.

Contentment Evaluation

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = discontent and 10 = content), how content are you?
In what areas of life do you need to learn contentment?