

The Model of Christian Contentment

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Philippians 4:10-23

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Philippians Theme: Joyful Christian Living

Philippians Outline

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| I. | Partakers with Christ | Philippians 1 |
| II. | People of Christ | Philippians 2 |
| III. | Pursuit of Christ | Philippians 3 |
| IV. | Power of Christ | Philippians 4 |

Philippians Theme Verse: Philippians 4:4 - ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, **rejoice!**

Passage Theme Verse: Philippians 4:19 - ¹⁹And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Passage Theme Statement: Christians are to learn to be joyfully content in all life circumstances both negative and positive knowing that Jesus Christ will provide His strength in all situations. We can also be assured that our God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

I. Contentment in All Situations - Philippians 4:10-13

- A. Paul rejoiced in the Lord and expressed gratitude to the Philippian people for their tangible expression of concern for Paul's well being - v. 10
- B. One of Paul's life principles is that he had learned contentment in all circumstances of his life- v. 11
 1. Paul had learned how to live in Poverty and Prosperity - v. 12a
 2. Paul had learned how to be being filled and going hungry - v. 12b
 3. Paul had learned how to be rich and to be poor - v. 12c
- C. Paul is strong to be doing all things through Christ who is empowering him - v. 13

II. God's Bountiful Provision - Philippians 4:14-20

- A. "Nevertheless" Paul commends the Philippians for sharing in his imprisonment and other needs - v. 14
- B. After Paul left Macedonia, the Philippians were the only Church which gave to Paul's ministry - v. 15
- C. Paul notes also that while Paul was ministering in nearby Thessalonica, the Philippian church sent a gift more than one time - v. 16
- D. More than the gift itself, Paul sought the special benefit to the giver, in this case, the church at Philippi - v. 17
- E. Paul was overwhelmed by the generosity of the Philippian Church which was also well-pleasing to God - v. 18
- F. Paul then states that his God will do what Paul could not do, that is to supply all their needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus - v. 19-20

III. Closing Salutation - Philippians 4:21-23

- A. Greet every saint in Christ Jesus in the Philippian church - v. 21a
- B. The brothers here with Paul greet the Philippian church - v. 21b
- C. All Roman saints send their greetings including believers in Caesar's household - v. 22

IV. Application

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

Philippians 4:19 - ¹⁹And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus