

Whatever
Philippians 4:8-13

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I. A godly focus brings peace. *Philippians 4:8-9*

"But it does mean we do not focus our attention on dishonorable things and permit them to _____ our thoughts." (Wiersbe)

- By the grace of God and the _____ of the Holy Spirit living in us, we become **dignified, noble**, and honorable.

Whatever things are pure means moral purity in _____.

- *"From a sunset to a symphony to caring for the poor and powerless, all things are _____."* (Gordon Fee)

Jesus is worthy of all of our _____, so we should meditate on the things He has done. **Revelation 5:12**

- When we live the way Paul has instructed his readers to live in this letter to the Philippians and follow Paul's example, we again are promised God's _____. **James 3:17**

II. Generosity and contentment. *Philippians 4:10-11*

Paul reminded these Christians of his thankfulness to them as well as to the Lord. It was good that they supplied as Paul was in need, but it also honored the Lord by them being _____ givers.

- Paul said that whatever state he was in, he had learned how to be **content**. Contentment is not a natural thing for anyone, it is a spiritual thing we learn with Christian _____.

Godly contentment is finding joy in what God has given to you and the opposite of contentment is _____ that will destroy your ability to enjoy what God has already given you.

III. All things in Christ, in all situations. *Philippians 4:12-13*

Paul was saying that contentment is not only theoretical, but it is a _____ for the Christian disciple.

- We know Jesus is all-powerful and we are _____ in Him. **Philippians 4:13** *"I am _____ for anything through the strength of the One who lives within me,"* (Philipps translation)

IV. Practical Application.

"The key to overcoming our discontentment and lack of faith is to find out who God is and how He has been _____ to supply the needs of His people in the past." (gotquestions.org)

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Philippians 4:8-9**. Discuss some of the meanings of the words found within **vs. 8**. Discuss how our mind's focus on godly things produces peace.
Romans 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 1:7, Jeremiah 33:3, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 23:7
2. Read **Philippians 4:10**. More than any other Church, the Philippians supported Paul financially. Name the other ways this church supported Paul. *How does the Lord view giving and generosity?*
Philippians 4:15, Acts 20:35, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Psalm 37:26, Malachi 3:10, Matthew 25:35-40
3. Read **Philippians 4:11**. *What is contentment? In what areas of your life do you struggle with this? How can you improve in this? What is the difference between being complacent and being content? Is contentment born in us or learned? Explain.*
1 Timothy 6:6-7, Hebrews 13:5, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Psalm 37:3-4
4. *What is God's providence? How does **Romans 8:28** help us trust in God's providence?*
Isaiah 46:8-10, Acts 17:26-27, Ephesians 1:11-12, Genesis 50:18-20
5. *If Christians truly believe **Philippians 4:13**, why aren't we doing more for the Lord? Hudson Taylor said, "When God's work is done in God's way for God's glory, it will not lack for God's supply." Do you agree? Why or why not?*
6. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.