THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT • Philippians 4:10-21

Paul: I have learned the secret of being content in _____ and _____ situation

What's the secret?

1 Timothy 6:6 _____ with _____ is great gain

LIVE IN THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S LOVE

Ephesians 3:18 ...that you may be filled to the measure of all the _____

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LIVE IN THE _____ & _____OF GOD

Philippians 4:10-12

The problem of money:

Philippians 4:13 _____ do all this through Christ who strengthens me

Contentment is a _____ we make to live in the strength & provision of God

Where do we get this strength?

LESSONS ON USING MONEY GODS WAY

1. Be _____ Philippians 4:13-14

Psalm 24:1

2. Be _____ Philippians 4:15-16

3. Be _____ Philippians 4:17-18

Acts 20:35

Matthew 6:18-20

4. Be _____ Philippians 4:19

Matthew 6:8

1. Define contentment. What is the link between contentment and being happy? What are some of the causes of discontent?

2. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. How is Godliness and contentment linked? What is the context of this passage?

3. Read Ephesians 3:16-19. From this passage, what is necessary for us to be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God?

4. Read Philippians 4:10-13. From these three verses, what is the secret of Paul's contentment?

   If we are going to find contentment through the 'strength' of God in us, what is necessary? (Also read Philippians 4:4-9).

5. One of the biggest issues in life that causes discontentment is money. Why is this? (Also read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 again).

6. Read Philippians 4:13-14. Pastor Peter gave a four lessons from Paul on how to deal with our money. The first was to be generous. The people of Philippi had had their lives changed by Paul's ministry, and wanted to help him in his 'troubles.' One of the keys to contentment is to realise that all we have comes from God, and we are His stewards. Rev. Maltie Babcock said, "Contentment is the grateful, faithful, fruitful use of what we have, little or much." What do you think about this? (Also read Psalm 24:1)

7. Read Philippians 4:15-16. It is easy to be discontented when we feel let down by others, especially in the area of money. What should be our response to this? (Also read 1 Thessalonians 1:2 to see how Paul responded to the people in Thessalonica).

8. Read Philippians 4:17-18, Acts 20:35 and Matthew 6:18-21. In what way do these verses apply to the way we handle our money and resources?

9. Read Philippians 4:19-20 and Matthew 6:8 and 11. How does God use money to teach us to trust in Him?