

# The Secret to Contentment Philippians 4:10-23 Pastor Joshua Brooks March 28, 2021

## 1) What is Paul's secret to contentment?

- Not in \_\_\_\_\_ he has, but in \_\_\_\_\_ he has.
  - → "I can do all this through \_\_\_\_\_ who gives me strength." (Phil 4:13)

## 2) Where did Paul learn the lesson of contentment?

- At \_\_\_\_\_ University, matriculating into the school through faith in Jesus as Savior, and then surrendering to Jesus as Master Advisor, who then registered Paul for a course, '\_\_\_\_\_ 101,' where he learned the lesson of contentment.
  - → See 2 Cor 11:24-27

# 3) Contentment in Christ leads to confidence in God's provision

 "And my God \_\_\_\_\_\_ meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19)

# 4) Contentment in Christ leads to boldness for Christ

 "All God's people send you greetings, especially those who belong to \_\_\_\_\_\_ household." (Phil 4:22)

#### NEXT STEPS

- Take 10 minutes this week and make a '\_\_\_\_\_ list'

   reflecting on and writing down all that you have in
   Christ that cannot be taken away: forgiveness, adoption, inheritance, etc.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ this week (from a meal or two or from social media or from something else) as a means of practicing self-control and growing in contentment.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Phil 4:13, and recite it this week when you're in circumstances you don't like when you find yourself thinking, 'I would be happy if I could just \_\_\_\_\_.' Let that discontent be a trigger to preach to yourself, "I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength."
- 4) Trust God with your \_\_\_\_\_, by committing to tithe or perhaps giving something additionally to the work of His Kingdom - so that you can put yourself in a position to discover (or re-discover) that God's provision is sufficient, and that Philippians 4:19 really is true.
- In the spirit of Phil 4:22 send someone a \_\_\_\_\_\_
   (over text or social media) testifying to your faith in Christ and/or inviting them to join you for Easter.
  - → We've got resources available to help you invite friends and family for Easter. Text INVITE to 574-498-2140 to get access to those tools.

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