

Victory's Voice

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I Have Learned to be Content!

Paul the Apostle made this amazing statement. **Phil 4:10-13** 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, ***for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content***: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*. NKJV

The context from **v. 10-20** is about having Paul's needs met. **Phil 4:14-15** 14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. 15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, *no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only*. NKJV The Greek term Paul used, translated as "**content**" in English, *describes a state of being satisfied or satiated with things as they are*. Paul had "**learned the secret**," meaning he "**learned the mystery**" of contentment. This expression implies acquiring special information.

The apostle Paul seemed to have the **insider's scoop**: "*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances*. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (**Philippians 4:11-12**). Paul's statement, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation," is truly astonishing considering the circumstances he endured and situations he encountered while serving the Lord. He was beaten, whipped, stoned, shipwrecked, tossed in the open sea, harassed by enemies, and betrayed by false believers. He endured hunger, thirst, and even nakedness, ***just like the man with no shirt*** (see **2 Corinthians 11:24-28**).

The man with no shirt is tale of a king who suffered from a painful ailment. His counselors advised him of the only cure—to find a contented man, get his shirt, and wear it night and day. So, the king sent messengers to find such a man, with orders to bring back his

shirt. After months of searching the kingdom, they returned empty-handed. "Did you find a contented man in all my realm?" asked the king. "Yes, O king, we found only one in all thy realm," they replied. "Then why did you not bring back his shirt?" the king demanded. "**Master, the man had no shirt**." The story's point is that contentment is a rarity, yet something we all desperately want and need.

Paul was content in every circumstance because his life was **anchored in Christ** and **focused on eternity**: "**Therefore we do not lose heart**. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**; see also **Colossians 3:1-3**). ***To be content as believers, we must resist the temptation to become over-attached to the things of this world*** (**1 Corinthians 7:31**). The opposite of contentment is anxiousness and worry. Jesus told His followers, "Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" (**Matthew 6:25, ESV**). If our heavenly Father feeds and cares for the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, certainly He will take care of us, His treasured children. Jesus continued, "These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need**" (**Matthew 6:32-33, NLT**; see also **Philippians 4:6**). ***Trusting God in everything, even if we are shirtless, is the secret of being content***.

(gotquestions.org - What does it mean to be content Philippians 4:11?)

Until the trumpet sounds, **1 Thess. 4:13-18**

Pastor George

MARCH Month of Consecration With Prayer and Fasting

Please join us as we fast and pray this month for God's will and direction. Pray every day. Fast as often as God leads you. Meet together at church on Wednesdays at 7 pm for prayer. Booklets on Prayer and Fasting are available in the back.

DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD

Our peace always depends on our resignation into God's hands, no matter what our circumstance. The psalmist writes, "Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

If you have fully resigned yourself into God's hands, then you are able to endure any and all hardships. Your Father's desire is for you to be able to go about your daily business without fear or anxiety, totally trusting in His care. The more resigned you are to God's care, the more indifferent you will be to the conditions around you.

If you are resigned to Him, you will not constantly be trying to figure out the next step. You will not be scared by the frightful news swirling around you or overwhelmed about the days ahead—because you have entrusted your life, family and future into the Lord's safe and loving hands.

Sheep are not worried as they follow their shepherd because they are totally resigned to his leading them. Likewise, we are the sheep of Christ, who is our great Shepherd. Why should we ever be concerned, disquieted or worried about our lives and futures? Our Shepherd knows perfectly how to protect and preserve His flock—because He leads us in love.

In my own life, I have had to learn to trust God one problem at a time. Think about it: How can I say I trust God with everything if I have not proven I can trust Him with just one thing? Merely saying the words, "I trust the Lord completely," is not sufficient. I have to prove it over and over in my life.

Many people today have said, "I resign, I

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8th, at 2 am. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7th.



commit, I trust," only after they saw there was no other way out of their situation. But true resignation, the kind that pleases God, is done freely, prior to our coming to our wits' end. So "delight yourself in Him."

David Wilkerson, God is Faithful Daily Devotional
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March Calendar

1 Sun	Communion Service	11 am
8 Sun	Daylight Savings Time begins	2 am
14 Sat	Men's Breakfast	8 am
15 Sun	Pastor Cey & Sister Ching's 65th Anniversary celebration	12:15 pm
20 Fri	First Day of Spring	
21 Sat	Outreach-invite to Easter Service Weather permitting	9-11 am
29 Sun	Palm Sunday Service	11 am

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