

Philippians: Finding Joy in a Broken World

The Joy of Learning Contentment

Read the following verses: Philippians 4:10-20

Examining the Text:

1. Paul found the secret of contentment (v.12). Was that a gift given to him through his new birth (regeneration), or was it something he learned as he passed through many experiences? Does it make a difference?
2. Philippians 4:13 is a favourite verse for many Christians. It can be used to claim the instant resolution of all their difficulties (health, finances, etc.). But does this verse mean that in the context of verses 11 and 12?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read 1 Timothy 6:5-8 and Hebrews 13:5-6. They also speak about contentment. How do these verses help to fill out the picture of learning to be content in God

The Heart of the Matter:

1. Can you share any experiences from your Christian life of being contented through Christ? How did Christ empower you to pass through your experience?