

The Joy of Learning Contentment

- I. Philippians: Finding Joy in a Broken world
"My joy is not determined by what happens 'to' me, but by what Christ is doing 'in' me and 'through' me." (Steven Furtick)
- II. Learning Contentment (Phil. 4:10-12)
 - A. Contentment is not a natural attainment
 - B. Greek meaning is, "I have come to learn"
 - How is your learning coming along?
 - God doesn't always solve our situations instantly
 - C. I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content:
 - Brought low, have abundance, face plenty or hunger
- III. Able To Do All Things Through Christ's Empowering (Phil. 4:13)
 - A. Context is more important than concept
 - "I can do anything I can dream up, and God will help me."
 - If I am a Christian then everything should go well for me (1 Tim. 6:5-8)
 - B. "All Things" are within the context of verse 11 & 12 and the whole book
 - I can be in _____ because that is where God needs me right now
 - C. Through Him who empowers me
- IV. Be Content With What You Have (Heb. 13:5-6)