

## **Philippians 4:10-23 Gospel Centred Contentment**

1. Share a time when you really wanted something but after you got it, it didn't take long before the gloss started to wear off and it became dull?

*Read Philippians 4:2-20.*

2. a) What do you think Paul means by the word "content" (v. 11)?

b) From the passage, does being content mean:  
being apathetic?

not wanting your circumstances to be different?

never striving for anything?

3. Why would Paul need to learn to be content when "facing plenty" (v. 12)?

4. What sorts of things feed any feelings of discontent you have?

5. Is there anything in verses 10-19 that might help you learn to be content?

6. From verse 14-18, Describe the "partnership in the gospel" that Paul and the Philippians shared?

7. a) Paul rejoiced to receive the Philippians' gift, but what was God's reaction and why?

b) How does God bless those who give, and why? Also see 2 Corth 9:10-15

## Implications

8. How does Christian contentment compare with the "Don't worry, be happy" philosophy?

9. If someone complained that they felt a lack of contentment, what remedy would you suggest?

10. a) Jot down some particular areas in your life that you need to learn to be content in?

b) What do you need to ask God to do so you can be living in His strength in these areas?

11. Summarize three key points you have learnt about the Christian life from your study of Philippians. What can you do to remember and live out these truths?

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- 3.

Give thanks for God's kindness in supplying our every need

"according to his riches in Christ Jesus". Ask for God's help in living out contentment in your current situation.