

Philippians

(18) The Key to Contentment

Phil 4:10-13

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Genuine contentment...4:10-13

What does Paul now *specifically* thank the Philippians for? 4:10a see 4:18

He was thankful for the gifts they sent via Epaphroditus. Things he needed in prison.

What is Paul's comment about the *timing* of these gifts? 4:10b Comment?? Gal.6:9-10

'at the last'. Their concern had been constant but few opportunities. Seize the moment!!

How does this apply in our daily lives? James 4:14; Gal.6:9-10; Mk.13:31-37 (note vs.33)

Be prayed up, thanked up, forgiven up, loved up. We don't know when our time is up.

What was *not* Paul's motive regarding their gifts? 4:11-12 see 4:17 ICor.4:8-13

NOT to get even more! Paul knew contentment in times of need or plenty. Pure motives.

What's his famous statement on his contentment? 4:13 Is.40:29-31; Jn.15:4-5; IICor.12:9-10

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. That's why 'in the Lord', 4:10

The conclusion of the letter...4:14-23

Confident in 4:13, what truth does Paul now teach? 4:14, 17-18; IIIJn.5-8; ICor.9:10-11

Our giving is really to the Lord! In our account. Acceptable sacrifice/pleasing to God.

What, for sure, is one thing that pleases the Lord? IICor.9:6-7 see Ex.30:7-8 Eph.5:1-2

It's giving to Him, often through others. It's a sweet-smelling fragrant sacrifice, Eph.5:1-2

What is his famous promise summing up this truth? 4:19; Prov.11:24-25; Rom.11:33

My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus!

How do you see this happening in your life right now?

What is Paul's immediate conclusion (after 4:19)? 4:20 see Rev.4:9-11; ITim.1:17

Our God and Father gets the glory! For ever and ever! Amen and Amen!!

Who sends their greetings to the Philippians? 4:21-22; 1:13

All the saints, especially those of Caesar's household! Converts in prison!

And what does Paul pray in closing, for them? 4:23 IICor.13:11-14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. May it be so with you.

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