

JOINING THE SECRET CLUB

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

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You were, in fact, concerned about me but lacked the opportunity to show it. I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

**I know both how to have a little,
and I know how to have a lot. In
any and all circumstances I
have learned the secret of
being content—whether well
fed or hungry, whether in
abundance or in need. I am
able to do all things through
Him who strengthens me.**

In verse 11, Paul uses the word content to describe his life.

Content refers to the idea of being satisfied with what you have, no matter how small.

**1 Timothy 6:6 But
godliness with
contentment is a great
gain.**

**We live in a world full
of discontented
people.**

**We are told to never be
satisfied.**

**Rather than be content, we
live lives of complaining.**

- people

-homes

-cars

-jobs

-church and pastor

**“Contentment makes
poor men rich;
discontentment makes
rich men poor.”**

-Ben Franklin

**In these verses Paul
shares with us the
secrets to being
satisfied.**

1. REJOICE IN YOUR SUBSTANCE

Philippians 4:10, 12 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that once again you renewed your care for me. You were, in fact, concerned about me but lacked the opportunity to show it. I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content —whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need.

1 Timothy 6:7-8 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

**Are you satisfied with
what you have?**

**Do you believe that
God will supply what
you need?**

Remember two things

1. God knows your needs.

**A. He may provide it Himself
(like manna from Heaven)**

1 Kings 17

B. He may use other people

Galatians 6

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, we must work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.

2. No matter what He provides, rejoice.

Hebrews 13:5 Your life should be free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for He Himself has said, I will never leave you or forsake you.

2. REST IN YOUR SITUATION

**Philippians 4:11 I don't
say this out of need,
for I have learned to be
content in whatever
circumstances I am.**

Think about who is writing this letter. Paul has learned this from jail, shipwreck, during hearings, etc.

**What doors will God
open in your current
situation?**

**Not all of our
circumstances are for
immediate life. Maybe
God is using this to
prepare you for your
testimony.**

3. REALIZE YOUR STRENGTH

**Philippians 4:13 I am
able to do all things
through Him who
strengthens me.**

**Paul does not choose
to say “I can't”.**

**He chooses not to be
pessimistic.**

**At the same time it is
not the power of
positive thinking.**

**Paul also does not
choose to say "I can".**

**He chooses not to be
presumptuous.**

He has an understanding that in and of himself he is nothing. He does not have the power to make everything happen.

**Instead he
understands that he
can overcome anything
with the power of God.**

**Are you choosing to
tap into the power
source?**

Are you content?

**Will you join our very
secret club?**