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Today's Scripture Passage: Philippians 4:10-20 page 832

10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength. 14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. 17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. 18 I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- Where do you see God renewing things in your life or your church? Rejoice!
- How can you give others in your life the "benefit of the doubt" right now?
- God is showing me the difference between a need and a want in this area...
- How can you remind yourself that Jesus is the source of your strength?
- Who are you allowing to share in your trouble? How?
- How will you look to the only One who can meet your needs?

Bible Challenge

- Like an ancient scribe, write this scripture word for word.
- Reword the passage as if writing to your Christian friends.
- Read the passage in several translations. What do you notice?
- Find a free app or website to listen to the book of Philippians all the way through. How does God speak to you through this?

• **Memorize the series' verse: Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.**

- Next Sunday is a testimony service. After service today, go to the Library to videotape your 3 minute story of how God is working in your life.

Sermon Notes

Reasons we need the Secret of Contentment

- Things don't always go the way we _____ v. 10,15
- Life is _____ v.12
- There is more to life than our _____ v. 11,17
- God provides for us, but we can _____ it v.15-16, 18
- We come to know the God who can _____ all our needs v.19

Lessons to Learn the Secret of Contentment

- Rejoice greatly in the Lord when things _____ v.10
- Give people the _____ of the doubt v.10
- Distinguish between needs and _____ v.11
- Remember where your _____ comes from v.13
- Let others _____ in your troubles v.14
- Look to the _____ who can meet all your needs v.19