

## THE SECRET TO CONTENTMENT

### Philippians 4:6-20

- I. The struggle to find contentment. Vs. 6-7,
  - a. An Anxious can lead to discontentment.
  - b. God does not always change the circumstance but he does minister to your heart and mind
  
- II. Philippians 4:11 Paul learned to be content.
  - a. The verb learned means “learned by experience.”
  - b. The word content actually means “contained.”
  
- III. Paul gives us three things that help us learn contentment
  - a. #1 Vs. 4:10, 19 The providence of God
    - i. Paul sees God’s providence through People.
    - ii. Do not put trust in Man but rather look for God to use people to point you to him.
  - b. #2 The unfailing power of God vs. 11-13
    - i. Vs. 11-12 Circumstances don’t bring enduring Contentment only temporary pleasure.
    - ii. Vs. 12 Paul has learned the Secret to Contentment.
      - 1. The word Secret used by the pagan religions with reference to their “inner secrets.”
      - 2. Vs. 13 The secret to contentment is resting in Jesus
  - c. #3 The unchanging promises of God
    - i. In God we experience A budding tree (v. 10).
    - ii. An investment (vv. 14– 17, ref 16).
    - iii. A sacrifice (v. 18).

Conclusion: Philippians 3:10