

THANKS: I Didn't Need That

Philippians 4:10-13

- I. The Exhortations you need to heed to experience the Protection of God: (4:1-3)
- II. The Exhortations you need to heed to experience the Peace of God: (4:4-6)
- III. The Exhortations you need to heed to experience the Presence of God: (4:8-9)

- IV. The Example you need to follow to Enjoy the Provision of God: (4:10-13)

A. The ACTION of Paul we are to follow is to REJOICE (4:10)

1. The person we are to follow is PAUL and the action we are to do is REJOICE.
 - What does it mean to rejoice?

2. Although Paul was _____ in prison he was able to rejoice in his _____ position, _____.
 - Physically we can rejoice anywhere, regardless of any circumstances or situation.
 - Spiritually we can rejoice because of our position in the Lord.

3. Paul's joy was not because of their external _____, but from their _____ or motivation.
 - What is hindering you from ministering to others?

B. The ATTITUDE of Paul we are to imitate is Contentment (4:11-12)

1. Paul didn't want to sound needy, nor did he want the Philippians to become _____, so he tells them he really didn't _____ their gift.
 - Contentment is:

2. Contentment is NOT a _____ or natural ability, it must be _____.

- How can we learn contentment?
 - See godliness with contentment is greater than gaining _____ (1Tim.6:6)
 - See everything you have as _____ (1Tim. 6:7)
 - Recognize the difference between _____ and _____ (1Tim.6:8)
 - Be filled with _____ NOT _____ (1Tim. 6:9)
 - Do not _____ the world, nor the _____ in the world including money (1Tim. 6:10, 1John2:15)

C. The ABILITY of Paul we are to claim is CHRIST'S strength (4:13)

1. The context of the "all things" Paul had the ability to enjoy life no matter his

_____.

2. Paul wasn't saying he could _____ he wanted, but that _____ gave him the _____ to _____ life no matter the circumstances he was in.

- How can we have joy in even the worst of life's trials?

3. Paul wasn't saying he was _____ sufficient, but he was _____ sufficient.

- Principle to remember: