

LEARNING TO BE CONTENT
(Philippians 4:10-12)

I. ENJOYING GOD'S PEACE WITH REGARD TO THINGS (Phil 4:10-12)

A. Paul Rejoiced Concerning Their _____ Which Came To Him At Rome (4:10)

1. Paul rejoiced _____ greatly!
 2. Paul rejoiced concerning the _____ this church had sent him by the hand of Epaphroditus.
- What's our *obligation* in regards to *giving*? (1 Cor. 9:5-15)
 - a. Paul taught that ministers could expect that those they ministered to would _____ them so they would not have to work a side job in order to survive (9:5-6)
 - b. Examples given: *soldiers* expect to be supported by those they _____ to protect *farmers*, & *shepherds* should expect to be _____ of their own produce. (9:7)
 - c. The Law of Moses said: "*Don't _____ an ox while it treads out the grain*"! (9:8-10)
 - d. The *application*: "If we have taught you _____ principles from God's word, then it is not wrong to expect _____ of your _____ things." (9:11)
 - e. The OT priests expected to partake of the _____ of the temple (9:13)
 - f. What has the Lord's command us today? Those who _____ the gospel should be supported by those who are _____ of the gospel!
 - g. Heaven is always a _____, but truth for Christian living has a price tag & must be supported by _____ (3 John 5-8)
 - How *often* are we to give? (1 Corinthians 16:1-3)
 - What should be our *attitude* in giving? (2 Corinthians 9:5-6)
 - How *much* are we to give? (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- 2 Corinthians 8:9— is the _____ of grace giving
- 2 Corinthians 9:8—is the _____ for grace giving
3. Paul recognized they had desired to _____ to him before this time, but they simply had lacked the _____ to do so!

4. Paul recognized that they gave this offering for at least 3 reasons: 1) because of their love for _____, 2) because of their love for the _____, & 3) because of their love for the _____.

B. Paul Had Learned To Be _____ (4:11)

“content” (autarkes) meaning...

1. Paul, like all people, had legitimate _____ in life.

- What would this include?
- What is the difference between our needs & wants?
- What has God promised when it comes to our needs? (Phil. 4:19)
- What does it mean that Paul “*learned to be content*”?

C. Paul’s _____ of Contentment (4:12)

1. Knowing how to be _____

2. Knowing how to _____

- To what *measure* should contentment be true? (4:12)

3. Paul had experienced both sides of this issue in life.... those concerning...

a. being _____

b. going _____

c. in _____

d. in _____

D. Paul’s Basis of Contentment In Life: _____ (4:13)

What does all this mean to you?