

Philippians: Joy Chase
Learning Godly Contentment
Philippians 4:10-11
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Introduction – Paul builds upon his source of true joy, his joy is not fabricated or “conjured up”, but rather is real as the nose on his face. His source of joy comes from a lifetime of lessons that God has allowed to be part of his life; this is how God builds true inner-joy.

I. It about the Giver of the gift – vv. 4:10

- *In the Lord*; the Lordship of Christ, the Master- the source of contentment
- *At the last* or at last, the fruit of their faith – vv. Philippians 4:17, James 2:14-18
- *Lacked opportunity*; no internet, no e-mail, no facebook, no twitter, etc.

II. God can teach contentment, *if* we are willing to learn – vv. 4:11

- *Of want*; need, (*gr.hustero*) a falling short, penury - extreme poverty
- *I (in gr., the I is emphatical)* let others be discontented if they choose
- *Have learned*; through long, hard experiences, God’s curriculum – vv. II Corinthians 11:21-30
- Content; God-sufficient, God-sustained, able to make ends meet – vv. II Corinthians 12:9
- Opposite of content: dissatisfied, not satisfied – vv. Ezekiel 7:19

Conclusion – True joy comes from Godly contentment, which means that God’s people need to become Godly-confident instead of self-confident. Let the Lord use the circumstances in your life (good and bad) as building blocks, not barriers, as He molds us after His will.