



Learning to Be Content in Christ

OPEN IT

1. What is something that you have always wanted but haven't been able to have or do?

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Day 1

TODAY'S THEME: EXPLORE IT

Read Philippians 4:11-13

2. What were some of Paul's feelings about the Philippians' concern for him?
3. What did Paul learn to do in all circumstances?
4. What is the source of Paul's strength?

Day 3

TODAY'S THEME: NEVER LET GOOD ENOUGH BE ENOUGH!

Read Philippians 4:12-13

Paul says that he had “learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need” (4:12). That secret is stated in verse 13, “I can do all things in Him who continually infuses me with strength” (literal rendering). The all-sufficient, indwelling Christ was Paul’s source of strength and contentment. Since Christ cannot be taken from the believer, we can lean on Him in every situation, no matter how trying.

By “all things,” Paul means that he can do everything that God has called him to do in his service for His kingdom. He can obey God, he can live in holiness in thought, word, and deed. He can ask for the provisions needed to carry out the work and expect God to answer. If God has called you to get up in public and speak, He will give you the power to do it. If He has called you to serve behind the scenes, He will equip you with the endurance you need (1 Peter 4:11).

The Greek preposition is “in,” not “through.” It points to that vital, personal union with Christ that we have seen repeatedly throughout Philippians. Paul is saying that because of his living relationship of union with the living, all-sufficient Christ, he can do whatever the Lord calls him to do for His kingdom.²

8. How does someone experience the power of Jesus working in their life on a normal day?

9. Jesus equips us to do the work that He has called us to do. What is something that you’ve seen Jesus equip you to do in the past? What is something you are trusting Him to equip you for now?

² Ibid

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