

The Satisfied Christian (Part 7)

In Philippians 4:10—19, we have modeled for us _____ of Christian contentment so we will find true satisfaction in this life from Christ alone.

- 1) Learn contentment by the recognition of God's Providence (10)
- 2) Learn contentment by the teaching of life's circumstances (11—12)
- 3) Learn contentment by the understanding of God's Power (13)
- 4) Learn contentment by the seeking of Others' benefit (14—17)

- 5) Learn contentment by the _____ of God's _____ (18—19)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see the areas of your life that need change.

1. What would you identify as the necessities of life in 21st century America? Be specific. What do you need that you would say God **needs** to supply?

2. Are there things in your life that you find satisfaction in while your mate finds great dissatisfaction with? Should you have enjoyment in something that someone you love has discontentment with? How can you display the love of Christ in this matter? What can you do to serve your mate and thereby serve Christ?

3. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10—20. What does this passage teach about this life? What should be our attitude about the things we possess in this life? What should be our attitude towards God in relation to the things we possess?

4. What made the gift the Philippian church sent to Paul an "acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God"? Are there gifts that are given to the work of the gospel that are unacceptable sacrifices and are not well-pleasing to God? What makes the difference?

5. What are some additional thoughts and/or application from this morning's lesson? What does this passage teach you about man and about God?

Recommended Reading on this topic:

The Art of Divine Contentment by Thomas Watson. Soli Deo Gloria.

The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment by Jeremiah Burroughs. Banner of Truth.

This week's Bible Reading:

<i>Sunday, August 15:</i> Pslm 23:1-27:14 Rom 1:16-32	<i>Monday, August 16:</i> Pslm 28:1-32:11 Rom 2:1-16	<i>Tuesday, August 17:</i> Pslm 33:1-35:28 Rom 2:17-3:18	<i>Wednesday, August 18:</i> Pslm 36:1-38:22 Rom 3:19-4:8
<i>Thursday, August 19:</i> Pslm 39:1-43:5 Rom 4:9-5:5	<i>Friday, August 20:</i> Pslm 44:1-47:9 Rom 5:6-21	<i>Saturday, August 21:</i> Pslm 48:1-50:23 Rom 6:1-23	<i>Sunday, August 22:</i> Pslm 51:1-55:23 Rom 7:1-25