

The Satisfied Christian (Part 5)

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 _____ of God's _____ (13)

4) Learn Contentment by the _____ of Others' _____ (14—17)

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. How is Christ's strength manifested in our lives? How do I know if it is my strength or Christ's strength?

2. If someone told you that they had a heart of discontentment, how would you counsel them? How would you help them grow in the area of contentment?

3. Someone might quote this verse to you in support that God is going to give them the ability to own and manage a large corporation one day. How would you respond to them? How would you explain to this person what the "all things" refers to in this context?

4. This same word for "strengthens" is used in Eph 6:10, Col 1:11, 1 Tim 1:12, 2 Tim 2:10, 4:17. Look up these verses and explain why strength and power from the Lord is so important to Paul? Why was he so aware of it? How do we as believers learn to rely on Him more and become more aware of His strength and power?

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 8:</i> Job 38:1-39:23 Acts 24:22-25:12	<i>Monday, August 9:</i> Job 39:24-41:34 Acts 25:13-26:11	<i>Tuesday, August 10:</i> Job 42:1-Pslm 5:12 Acts 26:12-32	<i>Wednesday, August 11:</i> Pslm 6:1-9:20 Acts 27:1-20
<i>Thursday, August 12:</i> Pslm 10:1-16:11 Acts 27:21-44	<i>Friday, August 13:</i> Pslm 17:1-18:50 Acts 28:1-22	<i>Saturday, August 14:</i> Pslm 19:1-22:31 Acts 28:23-Rom 1:15	<i>Sunday, August 15:</i> Pslm 23:1-27:14 Rom 1:16-32