

## Five Principles of Contentment

#1 Contentment comes from **TRUSTING IN A SOVEREIGN GOD** (vs. 10)

#2 Contentment comes from **LEARNING TO BE SATISFIED** (vs. 11)

#3 Contentment comes from **LIVING ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES** (vs. 12)

#4 Contentment comes from **DEPENDING ON GOD'S POWER** (vs. 13)

### #5 Contentment comes from **BEING THANKFUL**

<sup>14</sup>Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.” Philippians 4:14-20 ESV

## A Theology of Christian Giving

#1 It is a **PLANNED OPPORTUNITY** (vs. 10)

“Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.” 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 ESV

#2 It is a **PURPOSEFUL RESPONSE** (vss. 14-16)

#3 It is a **PROFITABLE SPIRITUALLY DISCIPLINE** (vs. 17)

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, ‘He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his

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righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 ESV

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 ESV

**#4 It is PLEASING TO GOD** *(vs. 18)*

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