

**LEARNING TO BE CONTENT**  
(Philippians 4:10-12)

**I. ENJOYING GOD'S PEACE WITH REGARD TO THINGS (Phil 4:10-12)**

**A. Paul Rejoiced Concerning Their \_\_\_\_\_ Which Came To Him At Rome (4:10)**

1. Paul rejoiced \_\_\_\_\_ greatly!
  2. Paul rejoiced concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ this church had sent him by the hand of Epaphroditus.
- What's our *obligation* in regards to *giving*? (1 Cor. 9:5-15)
    - a. Paul taught that ministers could expect that those they ministered to would \_\_\_\_\_ them so they would not have to work a side job in order to survive (9:5-6)
    - b. Examples given: *soldiers* expect to be supported by those they \_\_\_\_\_ to protect *farmers*, & *shepherds* should expect to be \_\_\_\_\_ of their own produce. (9:7)
    - c. The Law of Moses said: "*Don't \_\_\_\_\_ an ox while it treads out the grain*"! (9:8-10)
    - d. The *application*: "If we have taught you \_\_\_\_\_ principles from God's word, then it is not wrong to expect \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ things." (9:11)
    - e. The OT priests expected to partake of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the temple (9:13)
    - f. What has the Lord's command us today? Those who \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel should be supported by those who are \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel!
    - g. Heaven is always a \_\_\_\_\_, but truth for Christian living has a price tag & must be supported by \_\_\_\_\_ (3 John 5-8)
  - How *often* are we to give? (1 Corinthians 16:1-3)
  - What should be our *attitude* in giving? (2 Corinthians 9:5-6)
  - How *much* are we to give? (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- 2 Corinthians 8:9— is the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace giving
- 2 Corinthians 9:8— is the \_\_\_\_\_ for grace giving
3. Paul recognized they had desired to \_\_\_\_\_ to him before this time, but they simply had lacked the \_\_\_\_\_ to do so!

4. Paul recognized that they gave this offering for at least 3 reasons: 1) because of their love for \_\_\_\_\_, 2) because of their love for the \_\_\_\_\_, & 3) because of their love for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Paul Had Learned To Be \_\_\_\_\_ (4:11)**

“content” (autarkes) meaning...

1. Paul, like all people, had legitimate \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

- What would this include?
- What is the difference between our needs & wants?
- What has God promised when it comes to our needs? (Phil. 4:19)
- What does it mean that Paul “*learned to be content*”?

**C. Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ of Contentment (4:12)**

1. Knowing how to be \_\_\_\_\_

2. Knowing how to \_\_\_\_\_

- To what *measure* should contentment be true? (4:12)

3. Paul had experienced both sides of this issue in life.... those concerning...

a. being \_\_\_\_\_

b. going \_\_\_\_\_

c. in \_\_\_\_\_

d. in \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Paul’s Basis of Contentment In Life: \_\_\_\_\_ (4:13)**

What does all this mean to you?