



Walking in the Word Godly Gain Rev. Matthew Harder March 9, 2025

Big Idea: *Contentment is found in giving your life to what can't be taken from you!*

Philippians 4

- Key Theme in Philippians: Joy, unity among believers

Where do we find contentment?

- ♦ Security and safety
- ♦ Wealth
- ♦ Health
- ♦ Successful kids
- ♦ Achievement
- ♦ Relationships
- ♦ _____

What fills us?

- ♦ **More Debt** ➡ U.S. credit card debt will exceed \$1.5 trillion in 2025 (Federal Reserve).
- ♦ **More Stuff** ➡ The average U.S. home has 300,000 items; self-storage rentals keep rising (Self Storage Association).
- ♦ **More Shopping** ➡ Global e-commerce sales will hit \$7 trillion in 2025, yet people still feel unfulfilled (Statista)
- ♦ **More Anxiety** ➡ Mental health disorders are up 20% in wealthy nations despite record spending (WHO).
- ♦ **More Wealth, Less Happiness** ➡ Studies show beyond basic needs, more money doesn't increase happiness (Easterlin Paradox).

- **LIE: One day we will have enough**

GOD | Philippians 4:10-13.

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

11a I am not saying this because I am in need,

11b for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. .

12a I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.

Consistency is found in contentment.

12b I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Contentment is learned, not earned.

13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

- ***LIE: One day I'll have enough***

What good is for a man to gain the whole world yet forfeit his soul?

- ***SECRET: Jesus is enough***

Anything other than the eternal will not last.

Your wealth nor your poverty is temporary.... But Christ is forever.

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