**The Secret of Contentment**

**Philippians 4:10-23**

***Paul shares what he learned in the secret of contentment.***

* The apostle Paul was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Paul was not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of circumstances but the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over circumstances.
* Paul said:
* I can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things (Phil. 4:11);
* “I can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things” (Phil. 4:13);
* I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things (Phil. 4:18).
* Paul did not have to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be content.
  + Contentment is NOT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Contentment is an abiding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of the battle.
  + Two words in that verse are incredibly important–“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
  + Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ taught him the lesson of contentment and he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chose to learn from it!
  + The word content actually means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
  + But the Christian is not sufficient in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; he is sufficient in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Overruling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God. (4:10).
* The word providence means:
* the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ care of God
* the timely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for future events.
* Providence is the working of God in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to arrange circumstances and situations for the fulfilling of His purposes.
* Paul experienced the divine providence in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Rom. 8:28).
* Sadly, many Christians today have the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they lack the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
* Life is not a series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; it is a series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Unfailing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God (4:11-13)
* Paul’s happiness did NOT depend on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* “I can–\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” was Paul’s motto.
* The Unchanging \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God (4:10-20)
* Paul \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the church at Philippi for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gift.
* Paul saw the gift as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his need from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God has not promised to supply all our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Our resources are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**So What Now?**

Determine to be a victor over circumstances - through Christ.

Intentionally find contentment in the spiritual resources abundantly provided by Christ.

Experience the providence, power and promise of God in your life.