

Living in Victory Part 3: Spiritual Growth Notes

KEY WERSES

"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. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. 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. I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:10-13).

DISCOVERY QUESTION

Read Philippians 4:13. How might the "all things" Paul is referencing in verse 13 be related to verses 10-12? Does this change the way that you read verse 13? "All things" is related to what God is calling you to do no matter how little or how much you have, how great your circumstance is or how bad it might be. You can do what He has called you to do in HIs strength. What is something you believe God is calling you to do? How does Philippians 4:13 give you faith to believe God will enable you to do?

LIFE REFLECTION POINT#1

Philippians 4:10 says that Paul "rejoiced greatly in the Lord". His rejoicing came while he was in prison awaiting trial and possible execution. Contentment is secured as you view everything made available to you in Christ which will cause your spirit to rejoice. Why do you think that by shifting Paul's focus off of the gift being delayed and instead rejoicing in the Lord brought contentment in his life? According to Philippians 4:13 what is the secret of contentment?

LIFE REFLECTION POINT#2

In Philippians 4 Paul says he has needs, but he is not needy because God is going to meet His needs (Philippians 4:12). What needs do you currently have (we all have them) do you believe God is going to meet your needs even if it seems that "the gift" is being delayed?