

SO WHAT

- How do you think Paul discovered the secret of contentment in every circumstance of his life?
- Are you convinced that God desires to bless and prosper you (Psalm 35:27; Galatians 3:7-9)?
- Do you consider yourself a generous person? If not, what do you think hinders the attitude of generosity in your life?

NOW WHAT

- What factors or circumstances upset your contentment? How can you deal these?
- Do you believe that as you give your tithes and offerings to the Lord, you will experience His abundant and overflowing blessings (Malachi 3:8-12)? If not, dare to believe God’s Word so you can see His promise of prosperity be fulfilled in your life.
- Aside from giving to God, do you have other avenues where you can channel the blessings that the Lord has entrusted you?

PRAYER

- Pray that the Lord will grant you a spirit of contentment for what you have right now.
- Intercede for people who are poor and needy and plan how you can be an instrument of blessing to them.
- Ask God for your needs this week by praying a prayer of faith and agreement (Matthew 18:19,20; 21:21,22).

WEEK 5

Blessings in Christ

A graphic featuring the text "All-Weather" in a bold, white font, superimposed on a background of soft, white clouds against a greyish-blue sky.

NOTES

CONNECT

- What is one recent blessing you have received from the Lord? Share your story briefly.
- If money was not an issue, what is your great ambition or goal in life?
- If you were a multi-millionaire, what are some worthy causes that you will support? Why?



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WORD

¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:17-19, ESV

WHAT

The church at Philippi partnered with Paul and his ministry (Philippians 1:5) by providing for his material needs so he can fully proclaim the gospel in different places (Philippians 4:14-18). This is why Paul was able to confidently say that God will take care of all their needs with the wonderful blessings that come from Christ Jesus! How can God meet all of our needs?

1 Learn to be content with what we have.

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. PHILIPPIANS 4:12

The lack of contentment is a violation of the tenth commandment about coveting. We only have what God wants us to have or as much as He can trust us with. To want more (especially money or fame) is to go beyond the will of God for us. If we have food and clothing, we are supposed to be content with that (1 Timothy 6:8). If we have our daily bread, what else do we really need?

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2 Decide to give to God and His people.

¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. PHILIPPIANS 4:15,16

When Paul started preaching the Good News in Macedonia, the Philippian church was the only church that partnered with him as they responded properly to his need. The church understood that by giving to the work of the ministry, they are giving to God and that is why Paul wants them to receive the blessings that come from giving (Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; and Proverbs 11:24,25). How can we give to God and the church?

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3 Ask God to provide for our needs.

And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. PHILIPPIANS 4:19, AMPLIFIED BIBLE

If we follow the example of the Philippian believers who generously gave to Paul’s ministry of propagating the gospel, the Apostle Paul confidently assures us that God will supply all of our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ and not according to our salary or ability to earn. We just need to specifically ask God to provide for our needs (Mark 11:24; John 16:23,24; Psalm 34:8-10; 84:11). How do you ask God for your needs now?

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