

The Joy of Generosity and Contentment

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Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

⁵ Let your forbearing *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near.

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

⁹ The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.

1. Generosity produces j_____

¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity.

2. Contentment is l_____

¹¹ Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

3. Contentment is learned in h_____ circumstances and prosperity

¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

4. Contentment is e_____ by God

¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

5. Generosity is p_____ to God

¹⁴ Nevertheless, you have done well to share *with me* in my affliction.

6. Generosity is p_____

¹⁵ And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;

¹⁶ for even in Thessalonica you sent a *gift* more than once for my needs.

¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

7. Contentment sees the basics as a_____

¹⁸ But I have received everything in full, and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

8. Generosity trusts God's g_____

¹⁹ And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ Now to our God and Father *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:6 ...godliness *actually* is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment.

⁷ For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.

⁸ And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

¹¹ But flee from these things, you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

¹⁸ *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

2 Corinthians 9:6 Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.

⁷ Let each one *do* just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

⁹ as it is written, "He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, His righteousness abides forever."

¹⁰ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

¹¹ you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.