

**“Learning Contentment”
Philippians Chapter 4
Part 1**

Intro: “Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.
Phil. 4:11

I. Spiritual stability vs. 1-9

1 Thess. 2:8; 1 Cor. 15:58; Phil. 1:8

- Stand firm in the Lord

1 Cor. 16:13; Phil. 1:27; 1 Thess. 3:8

Gal. 5:1; Eph. 6:11-14

- Hold your position—Don’t be moved off your post

- In this way:

: Looks back vs. 3:12-21

: Looks forward vs. 1-9

a) Cultivating harmony in the church vs. 2-3

Phil. 2:2-5; Romans 12:16-18; Eph. 4:1-3; 1 Thess. 5:14

1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Peter 3:8-11; Matt. 5:21-24

b) Maintaining a Spirit of joy vs. 4

Phil. 1:3-5, 18, 25; 2:17; 3:1; 4:4, 10

Gal. 5:22; 2 Cor. 13:11; Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 8:38-39

) Resting on a confident trust in the Lord vs. 5-6a

Psalm 34:18; 73:28; 119:51; Jeremiah 23:23

James 5:8; Isaiah 43:5; Matt. 28:20; Hebrews 13:5

Acts 18:9-10; Deut. 31:6; Col. 1:27; 2:6; Phil. 3:8

Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 10:1; Matt. 11:29; 1 Cor. 4:21; 1 Peter 3:4

Matt. 6:25-33

d) Reacting to trials with thankful prayer vs. 6b-7

Col. 4:2; 1 Peter 5:7; 1 Cor. 10:13; Romans 8:28

1 Peter 5:10; Romans 5:2; 15:9, 13; Psalm 29:11
John 14:27; Isaiah 26:3; 2 Thess. 3:16

e) Thinking upon Godly virtues vs. 8

Romans 8:18; 2 Cor. 10:7; Proverbs 23:7; Acts 17:11
Psalm 119:34; John 17:17; Psalm 19:9; Titus 2:2
Titus 1:8; 1 Peter 3:2; 2 Peter 1:3; Eph. 1:6

f) Practice God's standard vs. 9

Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 4:1-3; 2 Thess. 3:6-8
Matt. 5:24-27; James 1:22; 2 Peter 1:5-10
Romans 7:15; 15:33