## Part 27 – Philippians 4:10-19 The SECRET of Contentment

Matthew 6:33 But SEEK first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinks within himself, so he is.** He says to you, "Eat and drink!" But his heart is not with you.

The importance of where subjects are PLACED: Here is a quote from a famous theologian, it sums it up nicely:

"Some passages of Scripture derive their chief importance from some remarkable words employed; others derive their chief importance from some wonderful truth revealed; while others derive their chief importance from **THE PLACE** where we find them. Every passage has its own importance in this last respect. When we find a passage in its own particular place, there is a Divine reason why it is there, and also why it is not in any other place.

It is essential to our understanding of the "words" to find out why they are where we find them. It is essential to our enjoyment of the words that we should discover not only what they mean, but why they are not in any other passage.

If we would find the words and the Word of God to be a delight to us, instead of a perplexing jumble, we must have special regard to the Context.

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## Philippians 4:10-19

- 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.**
- 11 Not that I speak from want, for I have **learned** to be **content** in **whatever circumstances** I am.
- 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.**
- 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.
- 14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.
- 15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left 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.

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.

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

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11 Not that I speak from want, for I have **learned** to be **CONTENT** in **whatever circumstances I am**.

**Philippians 3:15-17** Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, **have this attitude**; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;

16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

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20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

**Philippians 4:1-2** Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, **in this way stand firm in the Lord**, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.

4 **Rejoice** (present-active-imperative mood-it also is a command) in the Lord always; again I will say, **rejoice!** (present-active-imperative mood-it also is a command)



Philippians 4:6 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, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.