## Part 28 – Philippians 4:10-19 The SECRET of Contentment ....continued

## 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.

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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.

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

## Philippians 4:10-11

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.

**Philippians 3:15** 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;

This "perfect" is referring to the maturity of those in the context, it is not talking about "sinless perfection":

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**Attitude** has this meaning: (a) **I think,** (b) **I think,** judge, (c) **I direct the mind to,** seek for, (d) **I observe,** (e) **I care** for.

Philippians 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

So this term "in the Lord" is used 8 times here in Philippians:

Philippians 1:14 brethren, trusting in the Lord

Philippians 2:19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus

Philippians 2:24 I trust in the Lord

Philippians 2:29 Receive him then in the Lord with all joy

**Philippians 3:1** rejoice in the Lord.

Philippians 4:1 in this way stand firm in the Lord

Philippians 4:2 live in harmony in the Lord

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

Philippians 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly

## Philippians 4:10-12

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.
- 12 **I** know **how to get along** with **humble** means, .......

tapeinoó - to make low, to humble

......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.

**I have Learned the secret** – (memuēmai) - to initiate into the mysteries, the mystery religions. [The metaphor was also used of "the initiatory rites of the pagan mysteries. 'I have been initiated']

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

**ALL** without any limitation

OR

**ALL withIN a categorical limitation** 

**Context** is the key determinating factor.

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**Through** – en - by

*Him who strengthens - (endunamounti) - to empower*