

PART FOUR

Philippians 4:10-13 // November 27

JOY IN ALL SEASONS

A SERMON SERIES IN PHILIPPIANS

Prepare Your Heart & Mind

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



Reflect/Connect

- Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

Grow in the Word

- These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What do you think you need in order to be content?

GROW IN THE WORD

Paul once again rejoiced in the Lord. This time, he rejoiced because the Philippians had the opportunity to tangibly express their concern for him (v. 10).

- What is a time in your life when you received care and concern from the family of God?
- Who can you bless in the same way that the Philippians blessed Paul through their concern? Spend a moment in prayer to ask and listen to the Lord.

Paul clarified the intent behind his gratitude and praise. He explained that he had learned the secret of contentment regardless of the circumstances he found himself in (v. 11-12).

- How would you describe the relationship between Paul's contentment and his material circumstances?
- How would you describe the relationship between your contentment and your material circumstances?

GROW IN THE WORD

- What's the danger in seeking contentment based on material need or material abundance? See Proverbs 30:7-9; 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

Paul explains the secret to his contentment in one of the most highly quoted scriptures in the New Testament (v. 13).

- What is the secret to Paul's contentment?
- How does understanding the context of this passage deepen your understanding of verse 13?
- In what ways do you want your perspective on contentment to change in light of this passage?

SERIES RESOURCES

OVERVIEW: PHILIPPIANS

An animated video by the Bible Project provides a thorough overview of the book of Philippians. The video offers a great summary of the book while emphasizing that every Christian's story can be an expression of Jesus' ultimate story.

- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/philippians/>

INTRODUCTION TO PHILIPPIANS

A fundamental introduction to the book of Philippians from the ESV Study Bible. Get a quick synopsis of the book's background to help you gain a better understanding of the book of Philippians as a whole.

- <https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-philippians/>

PHILIPPIANS: A COMMENTARY BY THE GOSPEL COALITION

A free, downloadable commentary of the entire book of Philippians. This commentary offers background material and a section-by-section commentary of the entire book.

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/philippians/>

BE JOYFUL: EVEN WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, YOU CAN HAVE JOY BY WARREN WIERSBE

A timeless resource by one of this generation's most trusted teachers, Be Joyful gives readers invaluable insights into the history, meaning, and context of Philippians. This new version includes study questions at the end of each chapter to aid readers in reflection and application.

- https://www.amazon.com/Be-Joyful-Philippians-Things-Commentary-ebook/dp/B005MT7WSC/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-19

LIFE LESSONS FROM PHILIPPIANS: GUIDE TO JOY BY MAX LUCADO

A guide through the book of Philippians by pastor and author Max Lucado that offers its readers thoughtful questions, encouraging stories, and reflections to dig deeper into God's Word. Lucado unpacks Paul's letter to the young church emphasizing Paul's focus on living a life full of joy, peace, and contentment even in the midst of trouble.

- https://www.amazon.com/Life-Lessons-Philippians-Max-Lucado-ebook/dp/B077Y2F619/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-18