



The Contented Christian

Philippians 4:10-23

- 1) Mature Christians are satisfied w/ Christ alone (4:10-13)
 - a) We rejoice when others participate in Christian service (10)
 - b) We *learn* contentment through our trials (11-13)

- 2) Christians meet *their* needs by giving to Christ's church (4:14-19)
 - a) Contributing to God's servants out of wealth or poverty (15-16)
 - b) Our gifts to Christ profit *us* as givers (17)
 - c) Our gifts rise before God as burnt offerings (18; cf. Rom. 12:1-2)
 - d) Giving to Christ's church ensures *our* needs are always met (19; cf. 2 Cor. 9:8-10)

- 3) Questions for consideration
 - a) What might be keeping you from contentment like Paul had?
 - b) Are you making an eternal investment with your money?
 - c) If you give, do you give out of your wealth or your poverty?
 - c) Are you aware of the needs around you?
 - e) Can you distinguish needs from wants?
 - f) What keeps you from always rejoicing in the Lord?