

Faith Talk - Mar. 22, 2026

Series: Philippians: Together for the Gospel

Sermon: Contentment: Give and Support for the Gospel

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-23

Philippians 4:12-13

I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.

Sermon Summary

In Philippians 4:10-23, Paul closes his letter by expressing deep gratitude for the Philippians' partnership in supporting the spread of the Gospel. Knowing that this was the concern of the Philippian church, Paul assured them that God would sovereignly continue the good work of spreading the good news through the church until Christ returns.

He is confident God will use them. We, too, should be confident that God will use us as we position ourselves to be used by Him. As we have seen through this letter, we must be people who can rejoice in all circumstances, express individual humility for the sake of group unity, live with integrity, suffer the loss of anything that keeps us from experiencing Christ, persevere in spiritual maturity, and live in harmony with one another.

Paul closes the letter by teaching the importance of giving, supplying, and going to support the spread of the Gospel. To do this, we must learn the secret of contentment, being fully satisfied in Christ, whether in need or abundance.

Paul clarifies that true contentment is not found in material provision, but in the strength and satisfaction we find in Christ. When believers are content in Christ, they are free to give, supply, and go for God's mission to advance the Gospel and display His glory.

Main Points

- **True concern becomes actual care** through giving, supplying, and going.
- **Contentment is learned** and found only in Christ, not in circumstances.
- **The secret of contentment is** looking to Christ for all you need and being satisfied in who He is and what He gives.
- **Christ is our satisfaction**, not money, comfort, or abundance. Once you realize you have all you need in Christ (can do all things through Christ), you can give, supply, and go for the mission of Christ.
- **Generosity produces eternal profit**, not just temporary gain. Paul wasn't settling for less; he was satisfied in Christ.

Discussion Questions

Conversations with Adults

1. In what season, whether in need or abundance, do you find contentment in Christ most difficult, and why?
2. How does learning contentment in Christ change the way you view money, possessions, and generosity?
3. What is one practical way you or your family can better “give, supply, or go” for the Gospel?

Conversations with Students

1. What are some things people your age often look to for satisfaction instead of Jesus?
2. How does understanding Philippians 4:13 in its context change the way you think about strength and accomplishment? (Once you realize you have all you need in Christ (can do all things through Christ), you can give, supply, and go for the mission of Christ.)
3. How could contentment in Christ help you live differently at school, with friends, or online?

Conversations with Kids

1. What does it mean to be happy with what Jesus gives us?
2. Can you think of something you like to share with others? How does that show love?
3. How can we learn to share about Jesus as a family? How can we support others who share about Jesus?

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for giving us everything we truly need in Jesus. Help us learn to be content in Him, not to depend on things that don't last. We ask You to shape our hearts to be generous, thankful, and joyful as we support Your work in the world and those who live sacrificially to spread the Gospel. This week, we commit to trusting You fully and using what You've given us to love others and share the Gospel with those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.