

SERMON NOTES

A Life of Perpetual Joy: Relying on God's Power

Philippians 4:10-13

Philippians 4:13 is an oft quoted passage that is taken out of context and at times used as a “name it, claim it” verse. However, when read and understood in context we learn about the contentment that only comes from trusting in God's power. Paul learned to rely on God's power to sustain him in every circumstance of life. This was the secret to his contentment. You will learn to be content when you rely on God's power to sustain you in every circumstance of life.

2 Corinthians 3:5 (NASB95)

Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB95)

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

1 Timothy 6:6 (NASB95)

But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.

Key thought: God's power will sustain you in very circumstance of life.

“I am ready for anything through the strength of the One who lives in me.” – *J.B. Phillips*

- Gratitude is necessary to be content. (verse 11)
- Confidence in God's sovereign providence leads to contentment. (verse 12)
- The secret to being content is learning to rely on God's power to sustain you. (verse 13)
- Jesus Christ is the sufficiency for your every need. (verse 13)

Isaiah 40:29–31 (NAS)

He gives strength to the weary,
And to him who lacks might He increases power.
Though youths grow weary and tired,
And vigorous young men stumble badly,
Yet those who wait for the Lord
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.