



BLESSING THE UNEXPECTED – PART 10

## WITH OR WITHOUT

CONTENT NO MATTER WHAT – PHILIPPIANS 4

### CONTENT IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-12

**I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.** <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. **I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation,** whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

**Contentment in any circumstance is something we must learn.**

### DESIRE SETS DIRECTION

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

<sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, **that I may gain Christ and be found in him...** <sup>10</sup> **I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,** <sup>11</sup> **and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.**

**Paul focused his desire on knowing Jesus more.**

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but **I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.**

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. **But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,** <sup>14</sup> **I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

**If good circumstances don't determine your well-being, bad circumstances won't stand in your way.**

### THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH

PHILIPPIANS 4:

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.**

**Jesus' strength enables us to be content in all situations and circumstances. When He is the object of our desire and pursuit, we will discover this strength.**