

# Joy/Full: Learned Contentment

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## Philippians 4:4-8, 12-13

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. 9-11... 12 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. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Learned Contentment comes...

## 1. THROUGH TRIALS

### Philippians 4:12

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.

Learned Contentment comes...

## 2. THROUGH PRAYER & PRAISE

### Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

### Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

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## 3. BY TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

### 2 Corinthians 10:5

... take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

### Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things.

### • I KNOW THAT I AM GOD'S CHILD.

#### 1 John 3:1

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

### • I KNOW THAT GOD LOVES ME.

#### 1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

### • I KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH ME.

#### Hebrews 13:5

... God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

### • I KNOW THAT GOD WORKS FOR MY GOOD.

#### Romans 8:28,

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Learned Contentment results in...

## 4. GOD'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE PEACE

### Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.