

Week 10: Phil. 4:10-23
Joy in Poverty

THE
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GUIDE to JOY

Start by reading Phil. 4:10-23 for an overview of the passage.

Context

In this, the final section of Paul's letter to the Philippians church, Paul thanks them for their concern and generosity. After considering this section of scripture, take some time to review and meditate on what God has revealed to you through this letter of Paul's over the past 10 weeks.

Contentment

Read verses 4:10-13

What is the attitude of the Philippians toward Paul and the work he is doing?

How and why does that encourage Paul?

Who or what has God given you a heart to partner with your provision?

What would it look like for you to be content in all situations?

Do you resonate more with being brought low or abounding?

How does that contentment affect your ability to share in the joy that we see in this passage?

How would you rate your contentment?

What is the "secrete" to being content?

Where have you seen this as a reality in your own life?

Giving to the Gospel

Read verse 4:14-23

What was the contribution that the Philippians church made to the spreading of the gospel?

What is the "fruit" that they received in return?

Why does Paul call the gift a fragrant offering, a sacrifice to God?

Do you see your giving to the church as a gift? How about an offering?

When have you experienced Gods joy for your generosity?

What is important about the word "needs" in verse 19?

How has God provided for your needs?

Reflection and Prayer

Take time this week to pray for the following:

Thank God for his generous provision

For the fruit of transformed lives that come from our gifts

Thank God for the ability to partner with him in the salvation of others

For discernment on what God is calling you to give to the work of the gospel

Thank God for his faithfulness