

WEEK TWELVE

# Contentment for Today



**Philippians 4:10, 14** <sup>NIV</sup>

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.



# Contentment is learned

## Philippians 4:11-12 <sup>NIV</sup>

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# Contentment is not based on possessions

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**Contentment comes from  
relying on God's power**

**Philippians 4:13** NIV

I can do all this **through him** who gives me strength.



**Practice of giving is  
born out of concern**

**Philippians 4:14** <sup>NIV</sup>

Yet it was good of you to **share in my troubles.**



**Practice of giving meets  
temporal, physical needs**

**Philippians 4:16** <sup>NIV</sup>

...for even when I was in Thessalonica, you **sent me aid**  
more than once when I was in need.



## Practice of giving participates in the Gospel

### Philippians 1:5, 4:15, 22 <sup>NIV</sup>

<sup>1:5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...

<sup>4:15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ... <sup>22</sup> All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.



**Promise of giving brings  
eternal, spiritual rewards**

**Philippians 4:17** <sup>NIV</sup>

Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that **more be  
credited to your account.**



## **Promise of giving God is praised & pleased**

### **Philippians 4:18** NIV

I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.



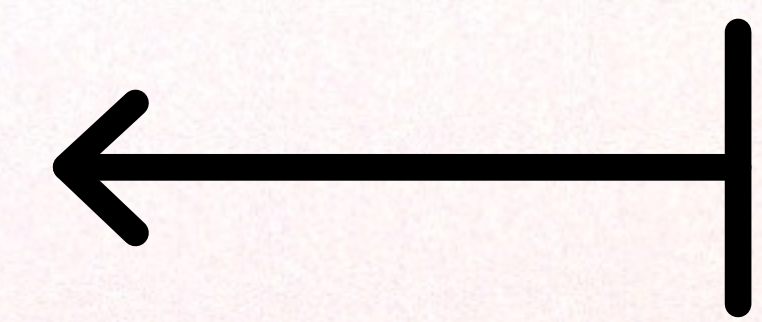
# Promise of giving God meets the needs of giver

**Philippians 4:19** <sup>NIV</sup>

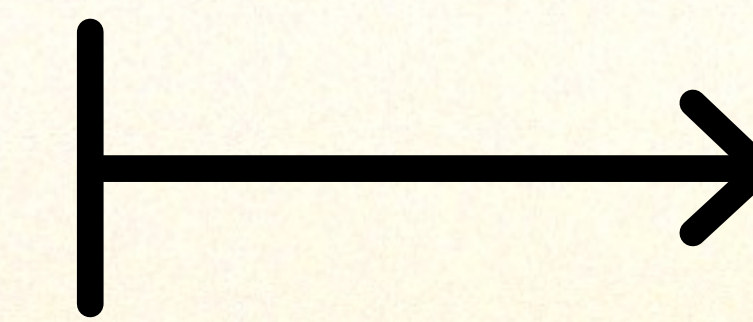
And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.



Philippians 4:10-14  
**Practice & Promise  
of Contentment**



**Are these**  
***two separate***  
**messages?**

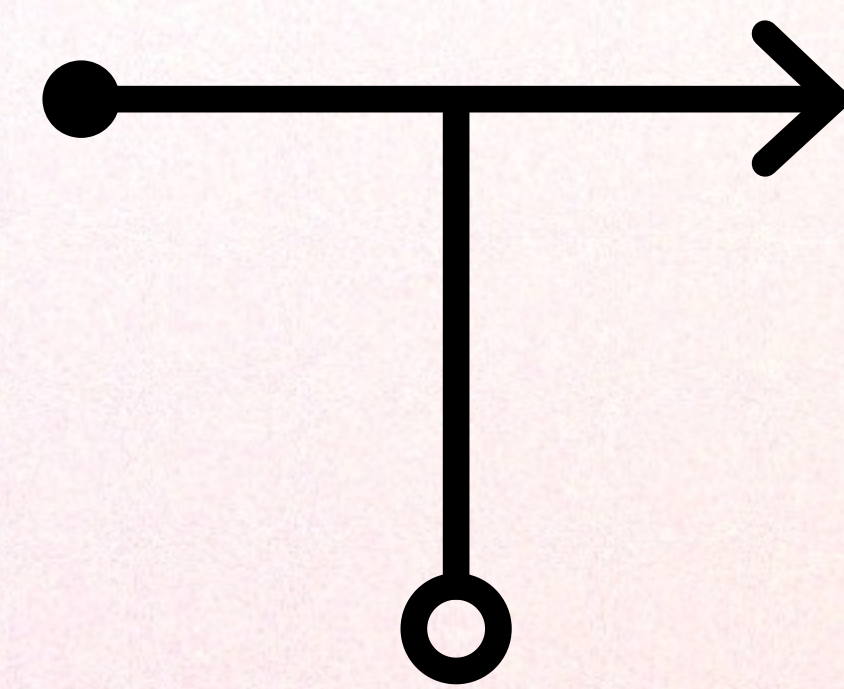


Philippians 4:15-20  
**Practice & Promise  
of Giving**

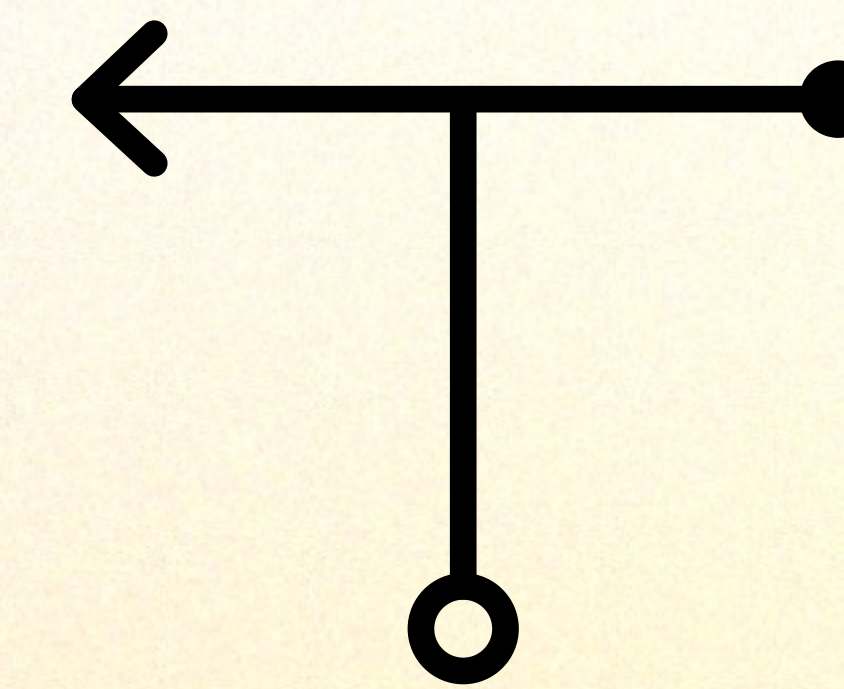


ONE MESSAGE

Philippians 4:10-14  
**Practice & Promise  
of Contentment**



**Generosity  
of God**



Philippians 4:15-20  
**Practice & Promise  
of Giving**

...I can do all things *through* Christ.

Philippians 4:13

...God will meet all your needs *in* Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19