

**PHILIPPIANS...PART XXV**  
"Contentment"  
Reference: **Philippians 4:10-13**  
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**Definition:** contentment is an inner satisfaction that is independent of our circumstances.  
Contentment is being satisfied with what we presently have until we are convinced that God wants us to have \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **Hebrews 13:5** "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

In the sixth century, Pope Gregory the Great categorized all sins under seven different headings. The seven deadly sins were: pride, anger, envy, impurity, gluttony, slothfulness, and **avarice** (i.e. \_\_\_\_\_).

In this section, Paul mentions three suggestions for learning how to be content

**ONE...** learn \_\_\_\_\_ our circumstances to someone else's circumstances

**verse ten**, "But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

**verse eleven**, "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:"

**TWO...** learn to \_\_\_\_\_ to our circumstances

**verse twelve**, "I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."

Circumstances fall into three categories:

- those circumstances we can control and we \_\_\_\_\_
- those circumstances we can control and we \_\_\_\_\_
- those circumstances that are \_\_\_\_\_ our control

**THREE...** learn to \_\_\_\_\_ our circumstances through Jesus Christ

**verse thirteen**, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

"I am ready for anything and equal to anything through **Him** (Christ) who infuses inner strength into me that is I am self-sufficient in **Christ's sufficiency**." (the Amplified translation)

Principle: what is going on on the \_\_\_\_\_ of us is not as important as what is going on on the \_\_\_\_\_ of us.

**Conclusion:**

God chooses \_\_\_\_\_ we go through, but we choose \_\_\_\_\_ we go through it.