

Investing In Relationships: The Book Of Philippians
“Investing In Contentment” 8 of 8
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Big Idea: To enjoy the people in my life, I need to invest in my relationships.

Lessons From Philippians:

- Investing In Thinking The Best
- Investing In An Eternal Perspective
- Investing In Reducing Conflict
- Investing In Exercising My Faith
- Investing In Joy
- Investing In Letting Go Of The Past
- Investing In a Worry-Free Attitude
- Investing In Contentment

I Will Invest In Contentment By:

1. Learning To Avoid Comparisons

“I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have **renewed** your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be **content** whatever the circumstances.” **Philippians 4:10-11 (NIV)**

“Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of **greed**; a man's **life** does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” **Luke 12:15 (NIV)**

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2. Learning To Adjust To Change

“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**.” **Philippians 4:12 (NIV)**

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” **Romans 8:35 & 37 (NIV)**

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3. Learning To Trust God To Meet My Needs

“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” **Philippians 4:13 (NIV)**

“...I am **ready** for anything and **equal** to anything through Him Who infuses **inner strength** into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency.”

Philippians 4:13 (AMP)

“But he said to me, ‘**My grace** is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.” **2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)**

“Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 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; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; 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.”

Philippians 4:14-18 (NIV)

“And my God will meet **all your needs** according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:19 (NIV)**

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➤ What is likely to upset your contentment?

My next right step, I will invest in my contentment by:

- [] Choosing to stop comparing my situation with others
- [] Writing down how Christ is sufficient in my circumstances
- [] Writing down how I need to change my perspective
- [] Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- [] Following Jesus in Believer's Baptism

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Icebreaker for families: What do you look back on as your happiest days?
Were they really that good?

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1. Learning To Avoid Comparisons

Read Philippians 4:10-11

Where do you find yourself comparing the most?

Clothing? Cars? Homes? Relationships? Jobs? Salaries? Luxuries? Health?
Other?

What is the inherent problem of comparing with others?

Read Luke 12:13-21

What is the main point of the parable?

How do you protect you and your family from the temptation of greed?

2. Learning To Adjust To Change

Read Philippians 4:12

How does Paul's view of contentment compare to the world's view of contentment?

When have you experienced seasons of being in need and having plenty?

What helps you to be content like Paul?

Read Romans 8:35 & 37

As you look at this list, have you ever questioned God when it seems like bad things are happening to you?

3. Learning To Trust God To Meet My Needs

Read Philippians 4:13

How has Jesus helped you in the past when you were facing difficult times?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9

Sometimes God says no to our prayers. What did Paul learn from his situation?

Read Philippians 4:14-18

How have you grown in your giving and receiving?

Where is God asking you to grow?

Read Philippians 4:19

What is likely to upset your contentment?

What need would you like God to meet?

Close in Prayer: **Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.**
