

# message OUTLINE

## BE CONTENT... DON'T LAMENT

Sermon Series: UNIMAGINED JOY: A Study of Philippians

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**TEXT:** Philippians 4:8-20; 2 Corinthians 11:23-30

Key Verse:

*"I have learned to be content \* whatever the circumstances. 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..."* v. 11, 12

\*CONTENT (def.): Ease of mind independent of circumstances.

### I. THE SEARCH FOR CONTENTMENT

Learn To...

1. Avoid Comparisons

*"...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."* v. 11b

*"Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."* 1 Tim. 6:6-8

Problem: Comparing Myself To Others

2. Adjust To Change

*"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."* v. 12

3. Draw On Christ's Power

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

v. 13

*"But God said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in your weakness.'"*

2 Cor. 12:9

4. Trust God To Meet My Needs

*"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*

v. 19

## II. BE CONTENT... DON'T LAMENT

### 3 Keys To Contentment

1. Start Looking Up - stop looking around

*"Set your affections on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."*

Col. 3:2

2. Start Wanting What You Have more than having what you want

*"...the eyes of man are never satisfied."*

Prov. 27:20

3. Start enjoying the Gift Of The Present - while faith - believing for your future

*"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."*

Ps. 118:24