

Sermon: Contentment at All Times
Scripture: Philippians 4:10-14

Introduction:

- I. The context: a congregation's love for one of its teachers, love in deed and truth (vs. 10,14)
 - A. Their love in appreciation and acceptance of Paul (I Thes. 5:12-13)
 - B. Love in meeting needs (I John 3:17,18)
- II. The apostle's experience: Christian contentment at all times (vs. 11-13)
 - A. Contentment defined, described (II Cor. 4:8-9; 12:10; Phil. 4:12)
 - B. Contentment is God's will for you and me (Phil. 2:14; 4:4-6).
 - C. Contentment is achievable, possible (Phil. 4:12,13).
 - D. Contentment is learned (Phil. 4:11).
 - E. Practical helps towards learning, arriving at contentment:
 1. We must surrender our will to God's will (Matt. 26:38, 39; Ps. 37:4).
 2. Cultivate a thankful heart (Phil. 4:6).
 3. Obey the Lord no matter what.
 4. Seek the Lord by prayer (Phil. 4:6).
 5. Seek the Lord by His Word (II Cor. 12:9,10; John 12:27,28).
 6. Love your enemies; overcome evil with good (Romans 12:19-21).
 7. Use godly counselors.