



PHILIPPIANS: PART 8
Pastor Reggie Roberson

WARM UP QUESTION: What do you desire in life in order to be happy?

READ: *Philippians 4:10-23*

FOCUS: Extraordinary people are generous people.

OBSERVE:

1. **Seek contentment.**
 - a. Paul says he can do all things through Christ who strengthens him. He's referring to the supernatural strength necessary to be content with what he has, whether he lives in plenty or in lack.
2. **See with eyes of compassion and faith.**
 - a. The Philippians saw Paul's needs during his missionary journeys, and they frequently gave to meet those needs. But ultimately Paul was not seeking their gift but an opportunity for the Philippians to bear fruit.
3. **Share the grace they've received.**
 - a. Paul begins and ends his letter by imparting grace to the Philippians. What he has received from Christ through the gospel overflows in his life to those around him.

REFLECT:

1. What factors have shaped your view of money and generosity? Have these factors led you to be more generous or stingier?
2. Think back to your response to the warm-up question. How can Jesus empower you to be content regardless of whether you achieve that end?
3. Whether you have a lot or a little, how can you be generous in your current state?

TAKE ACTION:

Examine your heart and determine in which ways you are currently discontent. See your situation through new eyes and consider how you can find contentment even in that situation. Think of a way you can share the grace you have with someone else in order to meet their need or show the love of Christ to them.

PRAY: *Heavenly Father, thank You for your example of generosity, that you gave your Son in order that we might have eternal life in You. Thank You for holding nothing back for our sake. Help us in the days ahead to take on a similar mindset: to not hold tightly to what we have, but to consider our means as an opportunity to bless those around us. Please give us opportunities to do this in Your name. Amen.*

