

## The Joy of Contentment

### “Discover the Joy”

Philippians 4:10-19

Alexander the Great was once asked how he could sleep so soundly while constantly surrounded with danger. He replied that he lost no sleep at all: Parmenio, his faithful guard, kept watch so he could rest. If a general can sleep because a mere man is watching over him by night, how much more should we sleep, knowing our eternal God is keeping watch? He never slumbers. He never sleeps. He perceives you, and I hope your sleep is deep and refreshing in the knowledge of it. – David Jeremiah

If we can believe God watches over us while we sleep, then we will not worry. If we believe God watches over us while we are awake, we will not fret. And, if we believe that all things work together for good to those that love God and are called according to His purpose, we can be content, satisfied, and happy.

We can learn to be content and that brings Joy.

#### I. LEARN TO LIVE IN WANT:

- A. Learn to be abased or do without and still be content by giving thanks.

- B. Learn the importance of a good memory.

#### II. LEARN TO LIVE WITH PLENTY:

- A. Learn to live with plenty and still be content by giving tithes.
- B. Learn to live with plenty by following God's Word.

#### III. LEARN WHAT I CAN DO WITH FAITH:

- A. The positive power of faith is incredible.
- B. The words we speak can be words of life or death.  
(Proverbs 18:21)

#### IV. LEARN TO COUNT ON MIRACLES:

- A. When we are saved it was by grace through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God...
- B. When the Apostle Paul prayed to be healed of the thorn in his flesh, God didn't meet his need according to his need but miraculously spoke to him...