



What is the Secret to Contentment?

Philippians 4:10-19

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Introduction: *Very few of us would be characterized as contented. In fact, contentment doesn't come from who has the most toys – it doesn't come from outside, it comes from within. Paul shares three wonderful spiritual resources that help us to be thankful.*

I. The overwhelming providence of God (v. 10)

A. Providence defined

It is God working in advance, to arrange circumstances and situations for the fulfilling of His purpose.

B. Providence illustrated

Providence is God's hand ruling and over-ruling in the affairs of life.

II. The unfailing power of God (vv. 11-13)

A. Does your contentment depend on circumstances or your relationship to the Lord? (vv. 11-12)

B. Do you realize that contentment is possible through Christ? (v. 13)

III. The unchanging promise of God (vv. 14-20)

A. The promise stated (v. 19)

B. The promise fulfilled (vv. 14-18)

Conclusion:

1. *Do you understand the overwhelming providence of God?*
2. *Are you consciously aware of the unfailing power of God?*
3. *Do you believe the unchanging promise of God?*