

Philippians #43

“Contentment through Him who gives me strength”

Philippians 4:10-13

Proverbs 3:13-17

Contentment is satisfaction with God’s purpose for my life in His timing.

Living grace provision includes one day at a time to execute God’s plan for us.

In the days provided by living grace, only those days when we are in fellowship with God have significance in the execution of God’s plan for us.

If we lose too many days, then God cuts them all off.

Where there is spiritual momentum and growth through biblical inculcation, days are meaningful and accompanied by prosperity.

Every day we live is a gracious gift from God as an opportunity to honor Him in time with the number of days He provides for us in the Christian life.

Since there is no suffering in eternity, God can only demonstrate His grace provision for suffering in time.

Momentum testing gives God maximum opportunity to show His grace provision in suffering while the believer continues to live one day at a time.

The demonstration of Paul’s recovery to greater-grace status is found in his possession of God’s perfect happiness and the fact that his happiness is stimulated by the interest of the Philippian believers.

There is no spiritual growth apart from the consistent teaching of the congregation’s pastor.

Spiritual growth is not accomplished by works or actions but by words and doctrines stored in the human soul through teaching by the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

It’s not what we do for the Lord that produces spiritual growth, it’s what we know of the Lord through His Word living in our souls.

The Philippian’s revived thinking has come in form of an offering.

The Philippian congregation produces this action in greater-grace, by constantly remembering Paul and appreciating the biblical truth they learned under his ministry.

An emotional impulsive giver is self-centered, calling attention to himself; while a generous giver never has any strings attached to his giving; he gives out of love, not to gain anything from it.

One thing a greater-grace believer learns is objectivity.

Everything involved in taking Paul to greater-grace taught him to think objectively and to have capacity for true love.

This is the reality of objective thinking in greater-grace with regard to anything in life so that we are not always worried where we are going to get our next meal.

Poverty represents difficult circumstances of life which are never an issue to the mature believer, who is never a slave to his circumstances.

For the unbeliever or rebellious believer, circumstances are always an issue and his happiness or lack of happiness is based on his circumstances.

The resources of greater-grace and dying grace provide freedom and independence from circumstances.

Living grace carries the believer from salvation to maturity; from greater-grace across uncharted territory to dying grace and the alternative for the believer who is negative toward biblical truth is a lifetime of discipline and misery, being used by God to test growing believers.

Spiritual prosperity is assumed as a consequence of being a greater-grace believer possessing 5 categories of blessings:

#1 spiritual blessings, #2 temporal blessings

#3, blessings by association, #4 historical blessings, #5 dying blessings.

All greater-grace believers live in prosperity and the degree in which that prosperity is visible to others, varies.

The greater-grace believer desires more and more of the Word and this is necessary for the next objective.

Paul is hungry for dying grace status, so he produces this action which is assumed as being the result of greater-grace status; a hunger for more of the Word, in preparation for the next objective.

This is what continuously occurs in a spiritually mature greater-grace believer.

The possession of divine power, not the possession of individual ability is what continuously occurs in a spiritually mature greater-grace believer.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit taught the Word of God in past with the result that the ministry of the Holy Spirit will continue to teach the Word throughout the Church Age.

Without capacity for life from biblical truth in the soul producing contentment, no blessing is worth having.

Capacity for life, love, blessing and happiness means that all road blocks of the soul have been removed by reaching greater-grace and often by adversity.

The believer who becomes wealthy through greater-grace blessings, must maintain his perspective to enjoy those blessings.

Love of the Blesser causes the blessee to continually enjoy his blessings!

Capacity for life and contentment is not only the possession of biblical truth in the soul but the application of that truth from the soul.