THE SECRET TO CONTENTMENT

Philippians 4:11-13; 17

* WE NEED TO <u>LEARN</u> THE <u>SECRET OF CONTENTMENT!</u>

How can I have <u>contentment?</u>
By being: 1) satisfied 2) strengthened 3) selfless

Contentment is:

- I. BEING <u>SATISFIED</u> WITH YOUR <u>CIRCUMSTANCES</u> (V. 11-12)
 - A. LEARN TO ACCEPT VARYING CIRCUMSTANCES (V. 11)
 - B. LEARN TO <u>ADAPT</u> TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES (V. 12)
 - 1. Position may change
 - 2. Provision may change
 - 3. Prosperity may change

Contentment is:

- II. BEING STRENGTHENED BY CHRIST (V. 13)
 - A. YOU WON'T BE LIMITED IN <u>PERFORMANCE</u> (V. 13A) (Your efficiency)
 "I can do all things"
 - B. YOU WON'T BE LIMITED IN <u>POWER</u> (V. 13B) (Your energy)"Through Christ which strengtheneth me"

Contentment is:

- III. BEING <u>SELFLESS</u> FOR OTHER <u>CHRISTIANS</u> (V. 17)
 - A. <u>DON'T SEEK GIFTS</u> FOR YOURSELF (V. 17A)
 - B. <u>DO SEEK FRUIT</u> FOR OTHERS (V. 17B)