



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Loving God, Loving People

## **“The Secret of Thanksgiving ” Phil. 4:11-13**

### **The Secret Comes In Contentment (vv. 11-12)**

**1 Tim. 6:6-8 6 Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.**

**“As a rule, Man’s a fool  
When it’s hot, He wants it cool.  
And when it’s cool, He wants it hot,  
Always wanting What is not.”**

### **The Secret Comes From the Source (v.13)**

**“Don’t worry”, we can get satisfaction, peace and joy because of God’s:**

- **Purpose. (Mt. 6:26)**
- **Provision (Phil. 4:19, 6:25, 27-29, 32)**
- **Promise (Mt. 6:30, 33)**
- **Presence (Psa. 107: 8-9)**

### **Thanksgiving Assessment:**

- 1. Do you find it easier to complain than to give thanks?**
- 2. Are you easily irritated and quickly impatient?**
- 3. Do mundane hassles get under your skin?**
- 4. Would the people who live nearest to you characterize you as a thankful person or a complaining person?**
- 5. Do you look at your world and find many reasons to complain because things aren’t going your way?**
- 6. Do you look at your world and find yourself blown away at the many reasons you have every day to give thanks?**

7. Do you view yourself as one who has been constantly short-changed and neglected?
8. Do you view yourself as one who has been showered with blessings?
9. How often do you grumble "If only I had \_\_\_\_\_" or "I wish that \_\_\_\_\_ was different"?
10. How often do you whisper thanks to God or communicate thanks to those around you?

- How To:

- 1) Pray (4:4,6-7).
- 2) Think (4:8)

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### **Food For Thought:**

The apostle Paul declares that joy and encouragement for the Christian – in trials, tribulations and otherwise, comes from a heart of contentment and thanksgiving found only in Christ and His kingdom.

1. What are some of the specific things you thanked God for this holiday week ?
2. How does Paul's views of contentment compare with the world's view of contentment?
3. What situations in your life are you anxious or worried about? How can Phil. 4:13 and 19 help you?

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**Bible Text**  
**Phillipians 4:11-13**  
**(ESV)**

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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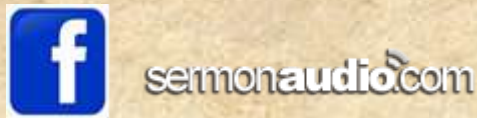
### **A Thanksgiving Rule:**

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Always wanting What is not."

***"Be content with what you have, never with what you are."***

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*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)*