

[Philippians 4:10-23](#) (English Standard Version)

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. ²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. (Philippians 4:10-23)

Discontentment may be the greatest trap in our culture. It may be greater than lust, greed, and even lying, because discontentment leads to all these other sins. It tends to be a well-spring of iniquity. I have yet to meet an individual who engaged in an affair without first suffering from discontentment. I have yet to speak with a drunkard, gossip, liar, or idolater of body or rest or recreation without them alluding to discontentment. And it feels like the entire world is colluding to stir up discontentment within us. Every billboard, every commercial, every brochure tends to communicate, "You deserve and need more." (Kevin DeYoung)

CONTENT IN CHRIST

1) I am content despite the circumstances I am going through.

...In any and every circumstance... (Philippians 4:12b)

2) I am content despite the amount of stuff I have.

I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound... (Philippians 4:12a)

3) I am content with my standing and identity in Christ.

...For to me to live is Christ... (Philippians 1:21)

It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. (Galatians 2:20)

GODLY DISCONTENT

1) I am not ok with the evil and injustice in the world.

...the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne of justice. (Psalm 9:7)

2) I am not ok with others being unaware of the love and power of Jesus.

The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

3) I am not ok with anything less than my full surrender to Jesus.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

Name it Christian and you have it in Christ. Whatever it is you desire; the answer is found in Christ. The boat you long for, what is it but a desire for freedom and rest? Which is ultimately found in Christ (Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 8:2). That promotion? At its root, it is simply security and respect (Psalm 62:6-8). Ultimately, these are found in Christ. Friendship? What a friend we have in Jesus, one who never abandons or forsakes (Deuteronomy 31:6; Matthew 28:20). Family? We have an older brother who leads the way (Hebrews 2:11) and unites us to a Father, who ever loves us (Galatians 4:4-7). Justice? He is a Judge who forever upholds righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8). Comfort? We have a priest who forever intercedes (Hebrews 7:25). Wisdom? We have a prophet who always proclaims (Hebrews 3:3), a counselor who is ever ready with comfort (Matthew 11:28-30), a provider who ever supplies (Philippians 4:19), a Savior who pays the price for our sins (Hebrews 10:12), a defender who will guard and keep us (Psalm 23).

If we desire love, it is found in His spread arms on the cross (Romans 8; Ephesians 3). If we want hope, it is found in his resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:19). If we seek peace, it is found in his blood shed for us (Colossians 1:20). If we seek joy, it is given in His Spirit (Galatians 5). Happiness? It is found in knowing what awaits us (Revelation 21). Power? You will rule with Him forever (Revelation 3:20-21).

Are you hungry? He is the bread of life (John 6:3). Thirsty? He is the living water (John 7:37). Naked? He covers you with His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21). Health? He is the Great Physician (Psalm 147:3). Wisdom? He is the fount (Colossians 2:3). Knowledge? He holds it in His hand (Colossians 2:3). Rest? He says come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give your rest (Matthew 11:28-30). Compassion? It flows from Him (James 5:11). Comfort? He never crushes a bruised reed (Isaiah 42:3). Riches? We are made co-heirs with Him (Galatians 3:29). (Kevin DeYoung)

What's happening with the Lighthouse family...

Because relationship with one another is at the core of being a disciple of Christ, we invite you to find community and experience spiritual transformation through LCC's groups, classes, events, and service opportunities.

LCC Fall Ministry Fair: Find true community where you can grow and transform spiritually. Come see all that is planned for the fall season (September - December) here at LCC and learn how you can be involved. Watch your eNews for more details or visit www.lighthousehome.org/ministry-fair to read more. After each service on September 9-10.

Meet Daniel Pierce: Daniel is our outreach partners with YWAM. Join us for a reception following each worship service on the weekend of September 9-10. Come hear his stories and show your support for his ministry. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/global-outreach for all the details.

SonShine Stitches: The women's quilting group meets from 9:00am-4:00pm on Thursday, September 14. Come work on your projects while making new friends. To learn more, visit www.lighthousehome.org/women.

Sierra Leone Mission Trip Info Meetings: Our mission trip to Sierra Leone is scheduled for February of 2024. If you are interested in learning about this opportunity, please plan to attend one of the info meetings on the weekends of September 16-17 and 23-24. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/sierra-leone for all the details and meeting times.

Bible Quizzing: Bible Quizzing is a great way to learn and memorize Scripture while making new friends. All 6th-12th graders are welcome to participate. We meet at 4:00pm on Sundays starting September 17. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/students for all the details and a link to register.

Adult Study: This study is for both men and women. In this study, author Bruce Wilkinson reveals from the words of Jesus how you can find the freedom and peace for which your soul longs. We meet at 11:00am starting Sunday, September 17. For all the details and a link to join this group, visit www.lighthousehome.org/70x7.

Women's Fall Studies: For all women. We meet on various days/times. Topics include theology, forgiveness, and the book of John. Get all the details and links to register at www.lighthousehome.org/studies.

Wednesdays at LCC: Something for everybody! Starts at 6pm on September 20. Activities and groups include: Youth Group (6th-12th grade), GLOW (kiddos through 5th grade), Re|Engage (for married couples), and discipleship communities. For all the details and links to register, visit www.lighthousehome.org/wednesday.

Men's Friday Study Group: Men of all ages are invited to join us each Friday for fellowship and Bible study starting September 22. We meet in Room 322 (Building 2) at noon. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/men to read more and join this group.

Ongoing Men's Study Groups: We have two ongoing men's study groups - Thursdays at 6:30am and Saturdays at 8:00am. No need to register. Come as you are. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/men for more details regarding these men's groups.

Single Vision Night of Worship: All singles 35+ are invited to this special time of worship and praise. 7:00pm on Friday, September 22. No need to register. Bring a friend with you.

Fall Women's Event: All ladies are invited to participate in the Alliance NW Women's fall event, Venture 2023. 9:00am-3:30pm on Saturday, September 23. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/women for a link to details and to register.

The Well: This group for young adults (18-25) from all over Pierce County meets on Mondays at 7:00pm in the gym (Building 2). No need to register. Visit www.thewell-lcc.com to read more about The Well.

eNews: Sign up for LCC's weekly eNews. Get special announcements and messages from our pastors and Leadership Team, updates and emergency notices, and a first look at upcoming groups, classes, and events. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/enews to sign up.

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