Wilderness/Promise #13 Pastor Rick Baker

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The Promise that “**I Can Do Everything**...”

*From the wilderness of discontent into the mystery of contentment*

Phil. 4:10-13

Has contentment completely leaked out of the hydrogen-filled balloon of your life this past couple of years or so and you find yourself or have found yourself seriously emotionally sagging and saying, “*I can’t do this”?*

*“I (you) can do everything through him who gives me (you) strength.” (4:13)*

What does “everything” encompass here? What did Paul mean when he wrote this available promise to the Philippians?

***Let’s do some investigation into the background and context of this promise that Paul was embracing...***

**Into this moment the Philippians send Paul a gift to support him...**

*WHY CONTENTMENT (satisfaction, joy) MATTERS, HOW IT RELATES TO THE PROMISE PAUL COMMENDS TO THEM AND HOW WE CAN HAVE IT...*

Paul says, “*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances*...” (4:11)

Rock solid truth foundation🡪

1. You have been made for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In fact, “*I have learned the* ***secret*** *of being content in any and every situation...plenty or in want.”* (4:12)

**KEY CHALLENGE**:

The centre/ secret of Paul’s teaching here on contentment isn’t ...

1. You have been saved to desire and value \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more than anything and find and enjoy fullness of contentment in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ alone—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Him—He has made me consider every other thing a net \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my life compared to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have by having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Here’s the miracle promise**—

1. You are divinely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do the things God calls you to do (what He wills; He enables), and particularly to be able to have consistent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Freed entirely from ...

Further evidence that ...

* Paul refused to find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the gift.
* The Philippians refused to allow the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to have a hold on them and found their contentment in investing in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

How are you doing in this matter of contentment, because that’s the promise here you can enjoy?

I need to receive this promise by making the following changes🡪