

The contentment Paul describes is both **situational** and **personal**.

<sup>10</sup> But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. <sup>12</sup> I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, you have done well to share *with me* in my affliction. Philippians 4:10-14

A) Contentment with **my life**. (vs 11-12)

Why will people let us down?

Our level of personal need is **too great** for **any** other person to carry.

Paul: I have learned,

- 1) Come to a **full understanding**
- 2) become **intimately acquainted** with, the **secret** of contentment.

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things **through Him** who strengthens me."

<sup>7</sup> In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. <sup>8</sup> Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. <sup>9</sup> And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation...Hebrews 5:7-9

<sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. I Corinthians 13:12

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; <sup>15</sup> and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. <sup>16</sup> Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Contentment with my life will come when I **embrace** that it is the life that **God has** for me.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, *and* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained *for me*, when as yet there was not one of them. Psalm 139:15-16

B) Contentment with **myself**.

<sup>4</sup> Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, <sup>6</sup> who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:4-6

<sup>13</sup> For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:13-14

Contentment with myself will come when I **embrace who** it is **He has** made me to be.