

Dollars and Sense

Living for Today – October 15, 2017

Scripture Text

Philippians 4:4-20; Matthew 6:25-34; Hebrews 13:5-6

Connect

What do you look back on as the happiest days of your life? Where they really that good?

What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

Engage

Read Philippians 4:4-9

What do you do to relieve stress and worry in your life? What does Paul say to do?

How does what you think affect how you feel? How does it affect your relationship with God?

[Note the context of this next passage: Paul is responding to a gift he has received from the Philippians to help support him and his work.]

Read Philippians 4:10-20

What is Paul's secret to contentment (vv. 10-13)? How does Paul's view of contentment compare with the modern world's view of contentment?

What is the closest you have come to experiencing what Paul talks about here, such as: loss of work, loss of financial security, loss of health, other?

If Paul has learned to get along without, why does he commend the church in Philippi for sending him a gift (vv. 14-17)?

How can Paul's attitude toward giving and receiving enable you to be a better giver? How can it enable you to be a better receiver?

What situations in your life are you feeling insecure about? How can verses 8-9, 13 & 19 help you?

Apply

What outside force is most likely to upset your contentment? Since God does not always change negative outside forces, what can He change *in you* so that contentment is possible?

Read Matthew 6:25-34 and Hebrews 13:5-6. What is God saying about contentment in these passages?

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