



EVERGREEN JOY
FROM VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCE TO VICTOR
PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - March 12, 2023

1. Desire _____
(Philippians)

Philippians 4:10–13 (ESV)
10 I 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. 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.

2. Depend _____
(v. 11-13)

3. Live _____
(v. 10)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Jeremiah 2:12-13.** What are some of the broken cisterns that you have chased after or been tempted by in your life? In what ways is God superior to those things?
2. **Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.** What are some of the things you may think of as “needs” that may actually not be? What are some of the ways a love of money could bring ruin and destruction into your life?
3. **Read Ephesians 3:14-21.** Choose one of the many amazing descriptions of what we have in Jesus from this passage to meditate on this week. How will this help you to be content, no matter what?
4. **Read 1 Timothy 6:17.** As you think about the ways God has blessed you, how can you more actively enjoy these things richly this week with thanksgiving to God?
5. **Read 2 Corinthians 6:11-12.** How will greater contentment in Christ “widen your heart” and affect the way you treat others?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Burroughs, Jeremiah. *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*. CreateSpace Independent Publish Platform, 2013. Kindle Edition.

Rigney, Joe. *The Things of Earth*. Crossway, 2015.

Watson, Thomas. *All Things for Good*. Gideon House Books, 2015.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer that we would learn how to be content through reliance on Christ.

Pray that we would be characterized by gratitude toward God and grace toward others.

Pray for our Rooted Ministry to be used by God among the young adults at our church.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
3/13	Deuteronomy 1-2	Luke 8
3/14	Deuteronomy 3-4	Luke 9:1-36
3/15	Deuteronomy 5-7	Luke 9:37-62
3/16	Deuteronomy 8-10	Luke 10
3/17	Deuteronomy 11-13	Luke 11
3/18	Deuteronomy 14-16	Luke 12:1-34