

## Philippians

An Inductive Study

Part 11 (final one?)

## Last Week...

- Contrast of being/not being Citizens of Heaven
- Rejoicing Always – command
- Not-anxious
- Prayer, Supplication w/ Thanksgiving
- Peace of God that passes understanding

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## First, this message...

Upcoming Wednesday night presentations:

- A. Hanging out w/ Jesus  
2 textbooks  
Wed. of Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>
- B. Studying the Bible – Wed. of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>
- C. The Art of Teaching – Wed. of March 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
30<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

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## FINALLY, (what's left to do...)

Phil 4:8, 9:

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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## Philippians... an overview

- Written to church in Philippi - circa 62 AC
- 11th book in NT
- Paul visited on his 2nd missionary journey - 49-51 AD
- Documented in Acts 16
- Letter initiated in response to a gift brought by Epaphroditus
- Written during 2 years of Roman house arrest
- Paul's thank you note to the Philippians

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## Definition of terms – requires meditation...

-**true**: not concealed, worthy of credit,

-**honorable**: venerable, worship-able, reputable, serious, dignified, august

-**just**: equitable, fair, innocent, holy, upright, righteous

-**pure**: chaste, modest, innocent, blameless, properly clean, modest,

-**lovely**: friendly, grateful, acceptable, pleasing, agreeable, friendly towards

-**commendable**: of good omen, auspicious, laudable, reputable, well reported of,

-if there is any:

-**excellence**: goodness, good quality of any kind, moral goodness, eminent endowment, manliness (valor), virtue.

-**worthy of praise**: applause, honor paid, approval, fame, a commendable thing

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## What to THINK about?

To Think!

Our job: count, calculate, enumerate, ponder, reckon, consider, compute, take inventory, estimate,

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## FINALLY!

Paul, the consummate teacher...

Phil. 4:10 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.

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## Practice makes...

Practice (our job): execute, exercise, be busy w/, carry on, perform repeatedly or habitually:

-what you have learned  
-what you've received  
-what you've heard  
-what you've seen  
in me.

Who's the 'me'?  
What does this mean for us?

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## Caught vs. Taught...

NASB:

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 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.

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## If we do our part, a Promise...

The God of Peace will be with you.

*Meta:* together w/; on the same side.

Not works gospel, but preparation for reception.

We get:

-The Peace of God

And...

-The God of Peace

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## Caught vs. Taught...

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v.11-12 Not that I am implying that I was in any personal want, for I have learned how to be content (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am. I know how to be abased and live humbly in straitened circumstances, and I know also how to enjoy plenty and live in abundance.

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## Caught vs. Taught...

Wuest:

It is not that I speak as regards a need, for, so far as I am concerned, I have come to learn, in the circumstances in which I am placed, to be independent of these and self-sufficient. I know in fact how to discipline myself in lowly circumstances. I know in fact how to conduct myself when I have more than enough. In everything and in all things I have learned the secret, both to be satiated and to be hungry and to have more than enough and to lack.

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## Caught vs. Taught...

Concordant Literal:

Not that I am hinting at a want for I learned to be content in that in which I am. I am aware what it is to be humbled as well as aware what it is to be super-abounding. In everything and among all I am initiated to be satisfied as well as to be hungering, to be superabounding as well as to be in want.

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## Caught vs. Taught...

NET:

v.11-12: I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content in any circumstance. I have experienced times of need and times of abundance. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of contentment whether I go satisfied or hungry, have plenty or nothing

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## Caught vs. Taught...

J.B. Phillips:

Nor do I mean that I have been in actual need, for I have learned to be content, whatever the circumstances may be. I know how to live when things are difficult and I know how to live when things are prosperous. In general and in particular I have learned the secret of facing either plenty or poverty.

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## Caught vs. Taught...

LITV (Green):

Not that I speak as to need, for I have learned to be content in whatever state I am. And I know to be humbled, and I know to abound; in everything, and in all things, I am taught both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack

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## Caught vs. Taught...

Barelay:

Don't think that I'm saying this because I am thinking of all the things I have to do without. I have learned how to be content in any circumstances. I know how to live with less than enough and I know how to live with more than enough. I have learned the secret of how to live in any situation and in all circumstances, of how to eat well and how to go hungry, of how to have more than enough and how to have less than enough.

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## Caught vs. Taught...

New Living:

Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little

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## How did Paul learn Contentment?

What did Paul experience?

How did Paul respond to those experiences?

*What was Paul's SECRET???*

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## Caught vs. Taught...

Message:

Actually, I don't have a sense of needing anything personally. I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty.

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## How did Paul learn Contentment?

What did Paul experience?

-Prosperity AND Poverty

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## Caught vs. Taught...

NIV Readers Edition:

I'm not saying that because I need anything. I have learned to be content no matter what happens to me. I know what it's like not to have what I need. I have learned the secret of being content no matter what happens. I am content whether I am well fed or hungry. I am content whether I have more than enough or not enough.

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## How did Paul learn Contentment?

What did Paul experience?

-Prosperity AND Poverty

How did Paul respond to those experiences?

-offering prayer, supplication w/  
Thanksgiving  
-controlling his thoughts

*How do we learn contentment?*

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## How did Paul learn Contentment?

*What was Paul's SECRET???*

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## And Finally...

Phil. 4:14 Yet, it was kind of you to share in my trouble. 15 And 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. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I 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. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## I can do all things..

NKJV: I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.

J.B Phillips: I am ready for anything through the strength of the one who lives within me.

What is meant by 'all'?

What is Paul talking about?

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## A hint of something deeper...

But I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

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## The Great Mystery. The Great Catch.

Stand Firm *in the Lord*

Rejoice *in the Lord*

...will guard your hearts/minds *in the Lord\**

Do all things *in the Lord\**

This is deep meat... can you catch it?

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## And a Final Promise

v. 19: And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Questions:

-who's definition of 'need of yours'?

-God's riches in Glory in Christ Jesus – is there a limit?

-what, if any are the qualifiers/limiters to this promise?

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## Who's it *really* about?

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v. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever.

Question:

-where/what is God's Glory?

In Christ.

It's all about Jesus.