

## LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.  
The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups  
as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- How would you rate your level of contentment in the area of money and possessions: 1 being the least content to 10 being highly content?
- Are there areas in your life that you would describe as “Not Content?” Why?
- Why is it so important that you learn contentment from godly people such as Paul and others?
- Paul says, “I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.” (vs. 11) How does this challenge you? In what circumstances do you find contentment most challenging?
- Paul discovered the secret to contentment which is rooted in Jesus. In your own words, can you describe this secret?
- What specific things can you do to help you learn to do all things through Him who gives you strength?

## The Secret of Contentment

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Text: Philippians 4:10-14

### Introduction

## I. WHAT WE MUST BE (4:11)

A. We must learn through imitations.

a) Philippians 3:17

b) Philippians 4:9

B. “Content” = “Is Sufficient”

i. Hebrews 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

ii. Luke 3:10-14

## II. WHEN WE MUST BE CONTENT (4:11-12)

A. *“in whatever situation...In any and every circumstance”*

B. Broad Implications

- 2 Corinthians 12:10

C. “Hunger”

- Habakkuk 3:17-19

B. A Different Kind of Contentment

C. Paul’s Key to Contentment

*While the philosophers in Paul’s day and people in our day see the key to contentment is **to make less the things of the world**, for Paul the key to contentment is **to make more of Jesus!***

## CONCLUSION (1Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19)

## III. HOW WE CAN BE CONTENT (4:12-13)

A. What does it mean?

*“The apostle was not desperately seeking a gift from the Philippians, because he knew that Christ would give him the strength for whatever circumstances were in God’s will for him.” Homer Kent Jr.*