THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

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Text: Philippians 4:10–16

"But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. 14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity." (Philippians 4:10–16)

INTRODUCTION

1. A SPIRIT OF _____ (v. 10)

A. A _____ Care

THEY HAD A CONTINUAL CONCERN

THEY HAD A CONTINUAL INTEREST

Quote: "To be sure, there had been this concern, this interest, all along, just throughout the winter season the tree seems to be dead is actually alive. But just as in spring-time the tree puts forth fresh shoots, thereby proving that it is alive, so also the Philippians' interest in Paul had at last found a way to express and demonstrate itself concretely." — **William Hendriksen**

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Philippians 2:2)

B. A _____ Care

Quote: "Ministry takes place when divine resources flow through human channels to the glory of God."

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9)

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

"Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD." (Malachi 1:13)

2. A SPIRIT OF _____

(v. 11–13)

A. A _____ State

Quote: "True contentment is the power of getting out of any situation all that there is in it." **— G.K. Chesterton**

4 REASONS TO BE CONTENT

1. No matter what earthly circumstances good or bad he experienced he would always have his salvation.

   "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12)

2. No matter what situation he was in, the Lord would never forsake him.

   "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." (Hebrews 13:5–6)

Quote: "I had no shoes and complained until I met a man who had no feet."

3. No matter how good or how bad his circumstances the best of this world or worse of this world could never compare to the joy and glory of heaven.

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:17–18)

4. No matter what circumstances came into his life, Paul knew that whatever state he was in it was in accordance to the will of God.

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

B. A _____ Status

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." (1 Timothy 6:6–8)

Quote: "The richest person is not the one who has the most, but the one who needs the least."

C. A _____ Strength

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9–10)

"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;" (Ephesians 3:16)

3. A SPIRIT OF _____

(v. 14–16)

A. Commendation for Their _____

IN GRATITUDE

IN GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

IN ACTS OF KINDNESS

"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor." (Proverbs 22:9)

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:9–10)

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (Hebrews 13:16)

B. Continuation of _____

Quote: "See the need, and take the lead."

C. Contemplation of _____

FRUIT TO YOUR ACCOUNT

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:19–21)

PLEASING TO GOD

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5)

REWARDED BY GOD

CONCLUSION

TAKEAWAYS FROM TODAY'S MESSAGE

1. Spiritual Care Is Continual
2. Spiritual Care Is Faithful
3. Spiritual Contentment Can Be Learned
4. Spiritual Communication Involves Responsive Giving
5. A Christian Spirit of Thanksgiving Is Rewarded by God

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