WEEK TWELVE

Contentment for Today

Philippians 4:10-11 NIV

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

Philippians 4:12-13 NIV

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1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Revelation 22:12 NIV

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done."

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1 Timothy 6:6-10 NIV

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

QUESTIONS FOR ASSESSMENT & CHANGE

- 1. Where am I?
- 2. How did I get here?
- 3. Where do I need to be?
- 4. What steps are needed to change direction?

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE:

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Philippians 4:19 NIV

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

True contentment is found only in Christ.