

Part 1 – The Careful Philippians

Read Philippians 4:10; Colossians 3:2

- 1) How did the Philippians care for Paul? How did “opportunity” affect their “care” for Paul?
- 2) The “care” of Philippians 3:10 is a different Greek word than the “careful” of verse 6. How does its usage in Colossians 3:2 as “set your affections” (KJV) show this distinction?
- 3) How can you display this intentional “care” for others?

Part 2—Learning Contentment

Read Philippians 4:11; Hebrews 13:5

- 1) How did Paul’s circumstances affect his contentment?
- 2) According to Hebrews 13:5 what stability does the Christian have which enables him to be content in circumstances which could yield covetousness?
- 3) By what circumstances (which you can share) have you learned contentment?

Part 3—No Matter the Circumstance

Read Philippians 4:12; 2 Corinthians 6:4-10

- 1) How does Paul use extremes to illustrate “everywhere and in all things”? How can you relate?
- 2) According to 2 Corinthians 6 how did Paul’s response to his circumstances affect his ministry?
- 3) How do these extreme situations and examples affect how you feel about the future?

Part 4—Divine Enablement

Read Philippians 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:16-18

- 1) How do you think Paul’s “can do” attitude differs from the world’s “can do” attitude?
- 2) According to 2 Timothy 4 how was Paul confident in God’s strength?
- 3) How does this verse encourage you to trust God more?