

Today's Message

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“gods” ***Delighting Your SELF*** (Philippians 4:4, 10-13, 19)

Introduction—“*A strange melancholy haunts the inhabitants...in the midst of _____.*”

Has God really met His match in our discontent?

What/who am I looking to for happiness?

Philippians 4:4

- “Rejoice...*in the Lord*”!
- “Joy” as action vs. feeling

Philippians 4:10

- Paul’s grateful for the Philippian provision...but his joy is _____.

Philippians 4:11-13, 19

- “**Contentment**”—Stoic Philosophy vs. Christian perspective
- Hebrews 13:5—“*Keep your life free from the love of money... and be content with what you have.*”
- What’s the “**secret**” of Paul’s contentment?
- Paul “learned” contentment. *What’s the implication for us?*

Am I learning to want the PROVIDER most!?

- verse 19—God Himself is my **PORTION!**

Psalm 16—2 metaphors of LIFE

Psalm 73

Do I want anything more than Christ?

Developing Spiritual Discernment: 2 questions

1) When God does provide for my longing...

...what’s the temptation

...and what’s a faithful response?

2) When God doesn’t provide for my longing...

...what’s the temptation

...and what’s a faithful response?