

PHILIPPIANS 4:14-19

Threads of Contentment:

- 1) *Confidence in God's sovereign providence*
- 2) *Independence from circumstances*
- 3) *Sustained by divine power*
- 4) Pre-occupied with the **well-being** of others

Contentment belongs to a person who is not demanding that everything in life fit their **personal agenda**.

The promise of God supplying all your needs is **conditional**.
Malachi 3:10

We must not understand the fulfillment of the promise as **compensation** for our efforts.

God's promises are a demonstration of **undeserved grace**.

What is the true condition of the promise?
Romans 4:16

The condition of the promise is **faith**. Whenever God issues a promise, the only appropriate response is to **believe**.

Giving is the description of the **consequence** of faith, what faith **looks like** as we believe the promise.

Giving Principles:

- 1) The principle of **When**
 - **Readiness** – Willing and ready to give as God gave the opportunity
 - **Repetition** – Giving was becoming their way of life
- *token giving does not unlock the grace of God.*

2) The principle of **Where** – “Support the hand that **feeds** you” – support your **local church**.

3) The principle of **What** – Don't just **follow the crowd** in what you give

4) The principle of **Why** – Your giving is **spiritually** beneficial
Matthew 6:19-21

5) The principle of **Worship** – They had a right **heart** in their giving and they gave in **faith** and love for God.
Psalms 32:9

What **enables** the 4th key to contentment in our lives – being pre-occupied with the well-being of others – is the conditional **promise** that God will supply all our needs.

What meets the condition of that promise is our **faith** that God can, wants to, and will.

What **proves** that faith is there is a life **lived** according to these principles of giving.