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Session#6: Giving with Joy

Text: Philippians 4:10-20

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WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, **BUT WE MAKE A** LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE. WINSTON CHURCHILL

Question #1: In what ways is Jesus telling you "Trust Me"? (vv.10-14)

Contentment as "self-sufficiency to "Christ-Sufficiency" (Paul vs. the Stoics)

How do we find Contentment

- Contentment is not based on circumstances
- Contentment comes through experience
- Maturity is shown through contentment

4 Ways to live Content (1 Tim. 6:6-10) 1. Remember everything belongs to God. 2. Be thankful for what you have. 3. Pray for the grace to let go of the desire for what we don't have. 4. Ask for wisdom to use wisely what we do have.

Question #2: In what way does giving please God?

(vv.15-20)

Once we are content with our situations we'll have freedom to give more freely.

3 Things on Giving

 1. Their giving represented a partnership in the gospel.
→ 2 Corinthians 8:1-4, 9:2

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2. Their giving represented the spiritual and eternal fruitfulness of living a generous life.

"The World asks 'what does a man own?" Christ asks 'How does he use it?"" ~Andrew Murray

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3. Their giving sacrifice was an act of worship.

\rightarrow 2 Corinthians 9:12, Luke 21:4

We don't *have* to contribute financially to the local church (God's kingdom)...we *get* to give!

Summary

Your attitude of money reveals the depth of your commitment to the work of God (Phil. 4:10); the source of your commitment (vv.11-13); the wisdom of your investments (vv.14-17); the sincerity of your worship (v.18); and the quality of your faith (v.19).

Final Thrive Thought

When we stop trusting in ourselves and start trusting instead in God's limitless resources, we are truly set free to serve Him.