



With the Secret
A Study in Philippians
Philippians 4:10-13

Key Idea: *i run with the secret means I cultivate contentment.*

I cultivate contentment by seeing beyond unfaithful money (v10)

1. Contentment is a heart condition
2. Contentment is an attitude of gratitude

I cultivate contentment by seeing beyond unpredictable circumstances (vs11-12)

1. Contentment is forged in the fires of life
2. Contentment is no respecter of people

I cultivate contentment by seeing beyond powerless resources (v13)

1. Contentment is sourced in Christ
2. Contentment is critical for Christian faith

Application:

1. Make Christ the focus of your affection
2. Replace "I want/need with "I'm thankful for..."
3. Refuse to compare yourself to others
4. Learn to act better than you feel
5. Accept people/things the way they are and not as you would like them to be

REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. Do you feel that you are content if your financial circumstances stay the same as they are right now? What if they change to less/to more?
2. What are some of the lessons God has taught you throughout life by using different financial experiences? What is God teaching you currently?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. Have you experienced any of the temptations or traps set by loving money? Why is dealing with this issue so important? See Matt. 6:24.
4. What are you doing that tends to pull your thoughts away from Jesus Christ? What are you doing that tends to draw you more deeply into relationship with Him?



Memory Verse

I can do everything through him who give me strength.

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