



## PART 8: THE SECRET TO WINNING | Sunday, August 28, 2016

*Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:10-13

2 Corinthians 11:24-27

## THE DESTRUCTION OF DISCONTENT

### 1. It is fueled by \_\_\_\_\_ and comparison.

- *“Our American culture struggles with clarity between a need and a want. We attempt to disguise our wants as needs to conceal our gluttony.” ~ Dean Hawk*

1 Timothy 6:6-10 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

### 2. It leads to poor \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. It \_\_\_\_\_ from our purpose.

Matthew 6:31-33 (NLT) So don't worry about these things, saying, "What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?" 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

## THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT . . .

### 1. Is a \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.

Philippians 4:12b I have LEARNED the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

### 2. Is based upon our \_\_\_\_\_ not our possessions.

Hebrews 13:5-8 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." 6 So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

### 3. Comes from a \_\_\_\_\_ in God's ability and power.

Philippians 4:12-13 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Matthew 19:26 ...With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

1 John 4:4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

*\*All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*