

**215-For I have learned how to be content-08-13-10**

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: **for I have learned**, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

This is all a learning process. Paul said I have **learned** how to do it. I practiced until I succeeded at it. Jesus taught Paul His peace. Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. We **sing**: "There is peace in the time of trouble."

Strongs: OT:5172

learn by **experience**

Strongs: NT:1473 only expressed when **emphatic**

There are many Christian lessons to be learned in life. One of the biggest lessons is to **learn** to be content.

The learning experience is best done through the Bible. The foundation for learning is the Bible. Bible learning is done by experience. Bible learning is done by experience and is emphatic. It is forever settled in heaven.

God's Word cannot fail.

1 Kings 8:56 Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Jesus said don't you let your heart be troubled.

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

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HEAR IT ~ Let not your heart be troubled. ~ Don't You let your heart be troubled. Learn ~ like Paul learned ~ Learn how to be content : **for I have learned**, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

The word learned is an experience ~ it is an emphatic experience. It works. Your joy returns.

This all comes about by the inspiration in the scriptures. The inspiration inspires you to be content in your time of want. God designed it that way. He wants us to love Him more than anything in this life. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life will crowd out our love for God and hinder our walk with Him. My interpretation of James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil ~ by drawing nigh unto God ~ and the Devil will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.