

# Will You Have a Happy New Year?

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TEXT: Philippians 4:10-13

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**10** *But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.*

**11** *Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:*

**12** *I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.*

**13** *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

A Three-Part Definition Of Contentment:

**A) Contentment is the belief that I \_\_\_\_\_ everything I  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ present moment.**

**B) It is also the confidence that if I \_\_\_\_\_ anything else,  
\_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ it to me.**

**C) It is also the certainty that \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ anything  
else, God \_\_\_\_\_ give it to me.**

Three Keys:

**KEY #1: Contentment is not \_\_\_\_\_ but must be  
\_\_\_\_\_ over time.**

**LETTER A: God is most \_\_\_\_\_ when we \_\_\_\_\_  
through the process of being \_\_\_\_\_ from our \_\_\_\_\_  
on the things of the world.**

**KEY #2: \_\_\_\_\_ depends on \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
comes from my \_\_\_\_\_ in God.**

**LETTER B: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ both have their good  
uses—and both can \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually.**

**KEY #3: Contentment \_\_\_\_\_ on two great \_\_\_\_\_:**

**TRUTH #1:** God has \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_ of my life.

**Philippians 4:11-12**

**11** *I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.*

**12** *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. (NIV)*

**LETTER C:** We pray with \_\_\_\_\_—not because we \_\_\_\_\_ everything is going to turn out good, but because we know that \_\_\_\_\_ how it turns out, \_\_\_\_\_ is good.

**LETTER D:** The \_\_\_\_\_ of contentment lies in understanding that \_\_\_\_\_ happens by \_\_\_\_\_, but everything is \_\_\_\_\_ by the hand of a loving God.

**TRUTH #2:** God will give me \_\_\_\_\_ in every circumstance to \_\_\_\_\_ His will.