

Sermon Title: Philippians: Sufficiency and Contentment

Connection groups

Speaker: Pastor Walker Schurz

Key Scripture: Philippians 4:10-23

Greetings,

Welcome to this week's Connection Group meeting. Connection Groups at Miracle Life Family Church are small groups that meet across the city in comfortable home set ups. We meet to promote spiritual growth through the study of God's word, encourage one another by sharing our life experiences and share the love of God through meaningful Christian relationships. (Romans 8:29 and Hebrews 10:24-25).

This week part 10 of our series marked the end of our journey through Philippians! What a journey it has been. Chapter one showed us how we ought to be **Filled with Fruit** amidst a hostile environment. We followed up learning that even if that same hostility may lead to death, we should not be fearful because **To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain**. The same chapter later showed us what an honor it is to **Suffer for His Sake**. Chapter 2 started by highlighting The **Attitude of Jesus** and how we should emulate Him. As we learn how to emulate Jesus, we will **Shine as Lights** in this dark and perverse world just like **Timothy and Epaphroditus** did in their time. Chapter 3 opened with the wonderful news of how safe we are if we are always **Found in Him**; no matter how hard it gets we must continue to **Press On** in our walk with Christ. Lastly, chapter 4 wound up the series with two sermons, **Rejoice, Pray & Think** and **Sufficiency and Contentment**. Today we look at the latter. Enjoy the study

School for life invites you to attend the *Studying the Bible* course on Sundays 18 and 25 November from 13:00 hours to 15:00 hours in Classroom 2. In this course you learn basic ways to read, study, memorize and meditate on God's word. To be a part of this course, sign up in the Foyer at the School for Life table after the service or online on the MLFC website.

For more information call the Church office on 260 211 840746 or email: connect@mlfc.org

God bless you!

Pastor Kondwani

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PRAY OVER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS

Pray for the members of Miracle Life Family Church:

- For unity of purpose as we work together towards the fulfillment of the vision.
 1 Corinthians 1:9-10, Philippians 1:27 and Philippians 2:2
- For spiritual wisdom and knowledge to accomplish the vision.
 Colossians 1:9-14, Proverbs 24:3 and James 1:5
- For the strength to work towards the achievement of the vision
 Philippians 1:3-6 and Nehemiah 6:9

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THIS WEEK'S STUDY: PHILIPPIANS: SUFFICIENCY AND CONTENTMENT

A Getting to Know Each Other

What is something you value about being a part of the Church/the body of Christ?

B. Digging Deeper and Application

Key Text: Philippians 4:10-23, 1 Timothy6:6-10 and 1 Timothy: 17-19

- 1. What is Gods will for your finances? Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NLT
- 2. In **Philippians 4:11** Paul admonishes us to be content in whatever state.
 - a. How can you tell that you are Biblically content?
 - **b.** If you are not Biblically content, what measures can you put in place to achieve contentment? Read **1 Timothy 6:6-10.**
- **3. Philippians 4:17** tells us that as you partner with God financially, there is fruit that abounds to your account.
 - a. How are you personally partnering with God?
- **4. Read Philippians 4:18.** Generous giving should be our lifestyle as this is a sweet smelling aroma to God. What aroma does God smell from your finances?
- **5. Philippians 4:19** is a conditional verse based on verse 18. What steps are you taking to make verse 19 a reality in your life?

C. Take Home

Come with a testimony of how you partnered with God during the week.