

# MESSAGE NOTES

## “Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

### FINDING JOY IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Christmas at the Movies

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*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. (Phil. 4:12).*

### How to Find Joy in the Holiday Season

#### 1. DEVELOP AN \_\_\_\_\_

***I rejoice greatly in the Lord** that at last **you have renewed your concern for me**. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. Phil.. 4:10*

***Rejoice in the Lord always**. I will say it again: **Rejoice!** Phil.. 4:4*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, **will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus**. Phil.. 4:6-7*

#### 2. LEARN TO \_\_\_\_\_

*Oh, don't worry; we wouldn't dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! **But they are only comparing themselves with each other**, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant! 2 Cor. 10:12*

*I am not saying this because I am in need, for **I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances**. Phil. 4:11*

***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. Phil. 4:12*

*O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. First, help me never to tell a lie.*

*Second, **give me neither poverty nor riches!***

*Give me **just enough to satisfy my needs**.*

*For **if I grow rich**, I may deny you and say, “Who is the LORD?”*

*And **if I am too poor**, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name. Prov. 30:7-9*

*So we **fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen**. For what is **seen is temporary**, but what is **unseen is eternal**. 2 Cor. 4:18*

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But **if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that**. 1Tim. 6:6-8*

### 3. LEARN TO ADJUST TO \_\_\_\_\_

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. Phil. 4:12

You can use a simple frame for analysis: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

### HOW DO YOU DO THIS?

### 4. FIND \_\_\_\_\_ IN PARTNERING WITH GOD

I can do everything **through him who gives me strength**. Phil. 4:13

Yet it was good of you **to share in my troubles**. 15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, **not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only**; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you **sent me aid again and again** when I was in need. 17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but **I am looking for what may be credited to your account**. 18 I have received full payment and even more; **I am amply supplied**, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. **They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God**.

19 And **my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus**.