

FIGHT AGAINST DISCONTENTMENT

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Sermon Theme: Christians are called and empowered to stand firm in the faith, despite the difficulties of life, by thinking rightly about who they are in Christ so that they might live rightly, rejoicing in the Lord, content in all circumstances, and grateful for God's good work in other people's lives.

I. Fight to Think Rightly – Read Philippians 4:8-9

- A. As you evaluate your own thought life, how would you describe it? According to Paul, what should we be thinking (4:8)?

- B. Why is it critical to think about what is true?

- C. If you had to decide, what one area in life would you like to grow in thinking rightly?

II. Fight to Learn Contentment – Read Philippians 4:10-13

- A. How would you define Christian contentment?

- B. According to verses 11-13, what observations about Christian contentment do you make based on what Paul highlights?

- C. According to Paul, what is the secret of contentment?

- D. What “needs” tend to threaten your contentment?

III. Fight to Live in Partnership – Read Philippians 4:14-20

- A. Paul says, “*My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus.*” Jesus says, “*Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things (food, clothing, shelter) will be added to you.*” As you look at your life, how well do you do at trusting these promises?

- B. What are some practical things that you can do to fight discontentment and ensure that you are actively content in Christ and Christ alone?

- C. In what areas of your life do you struggle with contentment? How might the promises in verses 13 and 19 help you fight for contentment in the Lord Jesus?