

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 25/07/2021

Text(s): Philippians 4:10-23

Sermon Title: The Secret of Living

Preacher: Rev Collin See

(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Philippians 4:10-23 (ESV)

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.

17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you.

22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

1. Do you think the people around you are a contented lot?

2. What do you think is Paul’s secret to contentment? In your opinion, how did Paul discover his secret to contentment?

3. How do you understand v19? Do you believe that God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus?

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **Have you ever experienced God's provision for you in the past as you step out in faith in obedience to God's call? It may be a physical, emotional, mental or spiritual provision. Share one experience and what it tells you about God. (Note: God's call can happen in small and big things e.g. help someone in need)**

2. **The preacher mentioned caring, giving and loving as part of the secret of living. Do you practice any of these three? If yes, share what you have done in terms of caring, giving or loving and in what area of your life. If no, why?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See **MyPMC > PRAY** for the monthly guide)

- Pray for one another that we may truly learn to be content in every circumstance.
- Pray for people around us, especially those whom we know to find true contentment in Jesus in their search for truth, affirmation, success and meaning in life.