The Secret of Living

Philippians 4: 10 -23

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- Philippians 1:27-30 "Living worthily of the Gospel"

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13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

14 Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

15 As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then travelled on from Macedonia. No other church did this.

16 Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.

17 I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.

18 At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

20 Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.

21 Give my greetings to each of God's holy people—all who belong to Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send you their greetings.

22 And all the rest of God's people send you greetings, too, especially those in Caesar's household.

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

■1) Secret of Being Contented

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2 Cor. 12:9-10

"And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness" ...Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

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1 Timothy 6:6-8

"Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content."

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

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9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

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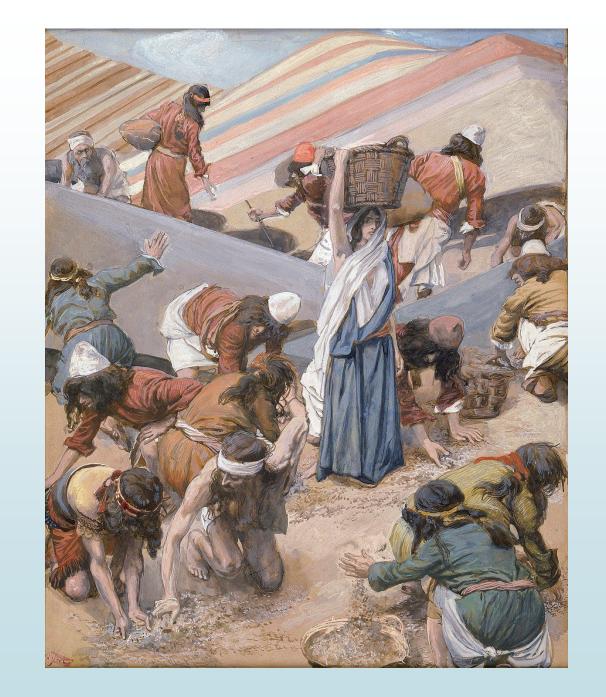
10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

1 Corinthians 1:19

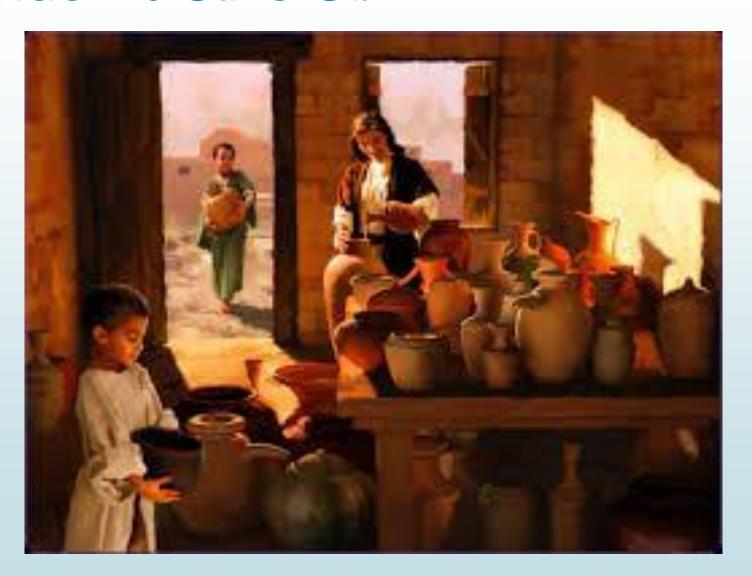
, "For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

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Widow's Olive Oil



Elijah and the Widow



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The Secret of Living is Living For Christ

- The secret of living for Christ is to be contented when we have almost nothing and when we have everything.
- The secret of living is to trust and rely on Christ who would strengthen us to do everything through Christ.
- The secret of living for Christ is to trust and rely on Christ who would supply all our needs.
- ■The secret of living for Christ is to love God and love his people.

How would u spend these last 7 days of your life?



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