



Thanksgiving & Contentment

Biblical-Literacy Class
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I. Be Thankful for the People God Uses to Help You

Philippians 4:10-13 (ESV)

I. Be Thankful for the People God Uses to Help You

¹⁰I 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.

Philippians 4:10-13 (ESV)

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.

Philippians 4:18 (ESV)



John Maxwell

To add value to
others you must
first value others.

Paul's List of People God
Used to Help Him...

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1. Ananias

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Used to Help Him...

1. Ananias
2. Barnabas

Paul's List of People God
Used to Help Him...

1. Ananias
2. Barnabas
3. Silas

Paul's List of People God
Used to Help Him...

1. Ananias
2. Barnabas
3. Silas
4. Lydia

People God Has Used
to Help Me...

1.

2.

3.

4.

II. Be Thankful for the Process God Uses to Develop You

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

¹²I 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.

The Big Picture

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Salvation

The Big Picture

Sanctification

Salvation

The Big Picture

Glorification

Sanctification

Salvation

The Big Picture



⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

⁹But 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 of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



God will always
develop your
character to
match the
assignment.

Henry Blackaby

Character & Contentment Development in My Life...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

III. Be Thankful for the Person God Uses to Empower You

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

Philippians 4:10-13 (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Col 1:27 (ESV)

Source of Your Strength?

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1. Express Gratitude to Those God Has Used to Help You.



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Phone Call



1. Express Gratitude to Those God Has Used to Help You.

Phone Call

Text



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Phone Call

Letter

Text



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Phone Call

Letter

Text

Email



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Phone Call

Letter

Text

Email

Facebook



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Phone Call

Letter

Text

Email

Facebook

In Person



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2. Exhibit Contentment in Proportion to Your Spiritual Development.

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 1 Tim 6:6-7 (ESV)

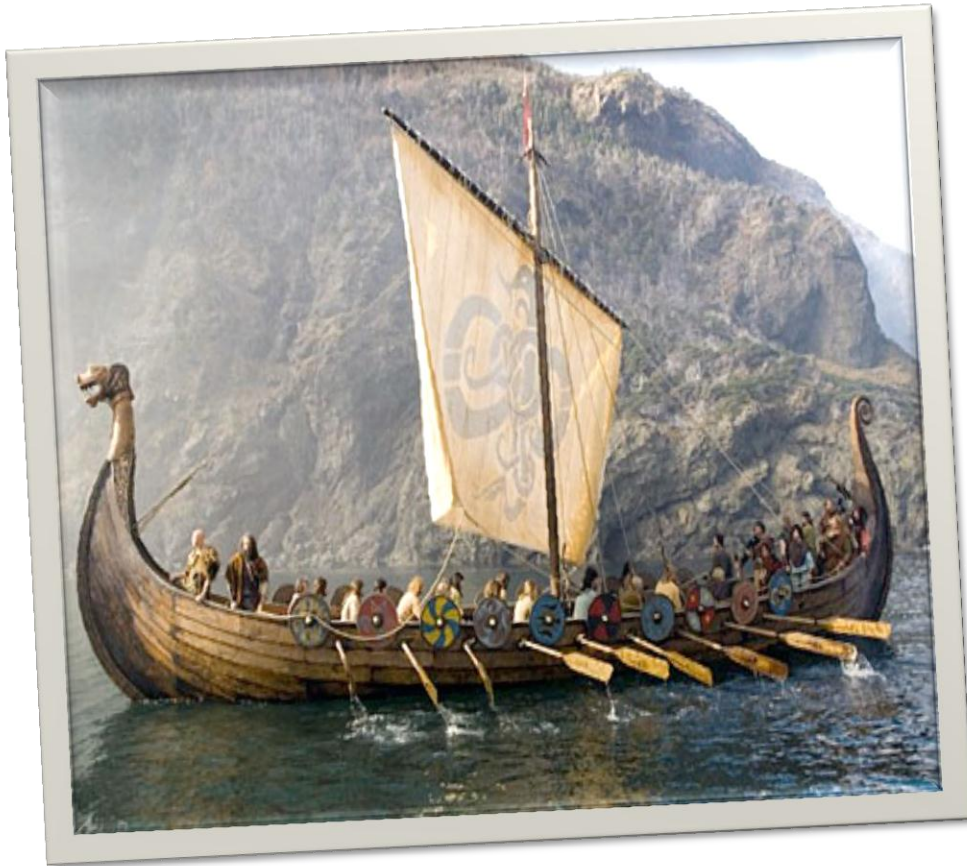


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3. Expand Your Application of the Strength Christ Provides.

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Col 1:11-12 (ESV)



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