

Thanksgiving & Contentment

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I. Be Thankful for the <u>People</u> God Uses to Help You

Philippians 4:10-13 (ESV)

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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.

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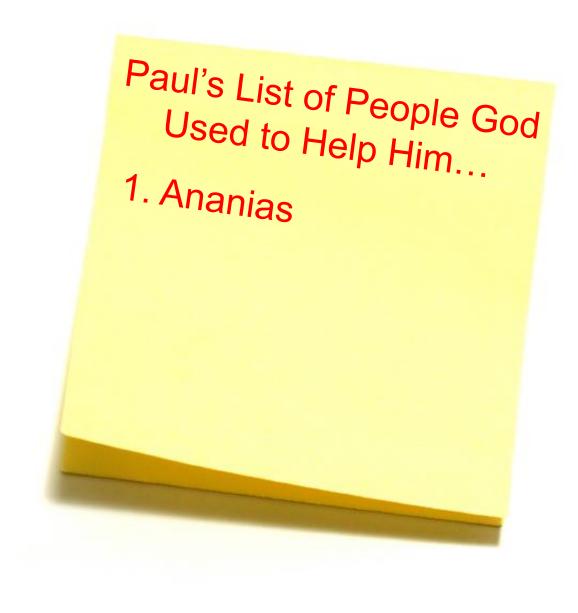
I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. Philippians 4:18 (ESV)

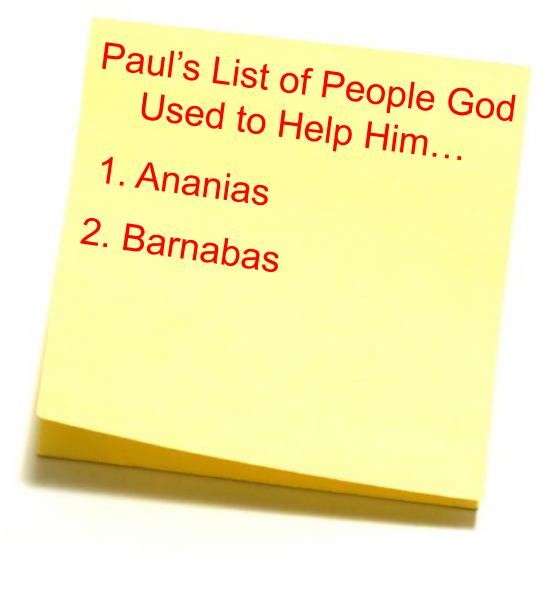


John Maxwell

To add value to others you must first value others.







Paul's List of People God Used to Help Him... 1. Ananias 2. Barnabas 3. Silas

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People God Has Used to Help Me... 1. 2. 3. 4.

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 ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have <u>learned</u> in whatever situation I am to be <u>content</u>.
¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have <u>learned</u> the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

Salvation

Sanctification

Salvation

Glorification

Sanctification

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The Big Picture Glorification **Sanctification Salvation**

 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.

2 Cor 12:7-10 (ESV)

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 <u>content</u> with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Cor 12:7-10 (ESV)



God will always develop your character to match the assignment. *Henry Blackaby*



III. Be Thankful for the <u>Person</u> God Uses to Empower You

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

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I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but <u>Christ who lives in me</u>. 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 <u>Christ in you</u>, the hope of glory. Col 1:27 (ESV)











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Phone Call



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Text



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Email



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Text

Facebook



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	Card		
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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)

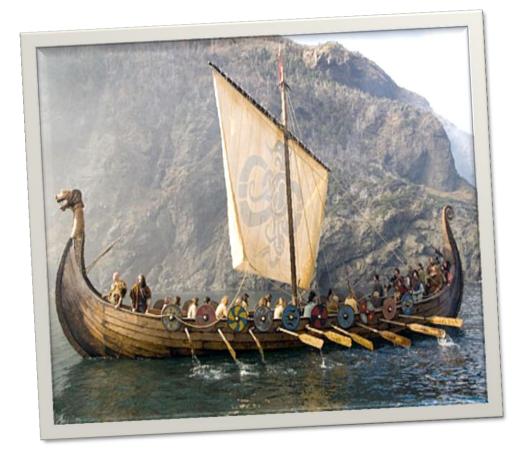


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3. Expand Your Application of the Strength Christ Provides.

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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