

Message 1: Transition Our Position For Contentment By God's Grace In 2013

Launching Text: Isaiah 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Preaching Text: Philippians 4:9-13 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.<sup>10</sup> But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.<sup>12</sup> I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Intro: The year, 2013, will be a year of God's great favor & grace, but we, as believers, must transition to position ourselves to receive it. The message is on transitioning for Contentment By God's Grace in 2013. It's Contentment and not Resentment that will make our lives better and not bitter and this message deals with Contentment.

1. TRANSITION OUR POSITION FOR CONTENTMENT WITH A SATISFIED LIFE IN CHRIST

Text: *Phil 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*

Psalms 63:1-3 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; <sup>2</sup>To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.  
<sup>3</sup>Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

1. Transition Our Position To Be Content Spiritually

Ps 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

*Get out of Sin*

1-John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2-Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1-John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Transition Our Position To Be Content Secularly

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

1-Tim 6:6-8 But godliness with contentment is great gain.<sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.<sup>8</sup> And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

2. TRANSITION OUR POSITION FOR CONTENTMENT WITH AN EDIFIED LIFE BY CHRIST

Text: *Phil 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.*

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

John 14:6 Jesus says, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

1. Transition Our Position To Be Edified To Walk In Fellowship With God

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup (dine & fellowship) with him, and he with me.

*(Watch our appetites, attitudes, affections, associations, and acceptances & let the Word weed-out the wrongs)*

2. Transition Our Position To Be Edified To Walk In Faith By God

John 1: 1 In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God (which is Jesus).

Rom 10:17 So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Mark 11:22-24....Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

*(Positioned Faith, Pronouncing Faith & Persistent Faith)*

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

3. Transition Our Position To Be Edified To Walk In Fruitfulness Through God

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

3-John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

1-Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

*(Receive who He is,, Repent of what He hates, Reject what He condemns, Request what He promises, Receive what He offers, and Rejoice in what He does!)*

**3. TRANSITION OUR POSITION FOR CONTENTMENT WITH A FORTIFIED LIFE THROUGH CHRIST**

**Text: Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.**

Mat 19:26 ...with God all things are possible.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said...if thou can believe, all things are possible to him that believes.

Mat 17:20 Jesus said....if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed you shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove and nothing shall be impossible unto you. (v21 but it will only happen by prayer & fasting).

**1. Transition Our Position To Be Fortified To Live Faithfully**

Phil 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Rev 2:10 ...be thou faithful unto death and I (Jesus) will give you a crown of life.

1-Cor 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

**2. Transition Our Position To Be Fortified To Live Cheerfully**

Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Psalms 146:5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

**3. Transition Our Position To Be Fortified To Live Humbly**

Phil 4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

1-Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

**4. Transition Our Position To Be Fortified To Live Prayerfully**

Phil 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Luke 18:1 And Jesus spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

**5. Transition Our Position To Be Fortified To Live Thankfully**

Phil 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

1-Thess 5:18 In everything give thanks for the is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

**6. Transition Our Position To Be Fortified To Live Peacefully**

Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

**7. Transition Our Position To Be Fortified To Live Thoughtfully**

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (or let the mind of Christ be in you).

**Closing:** Transition Our Position and live content in 2013 by

Dwelling in God's Presence

Drawing on God's Power

Depending on God's Promises

Delighting in God's Provision

Declaring God's Praises