

GREATER JOY

[DISCUSSION QUESTIONS]

GIFTS THAT PLEASE GOD

December 19, 2021

Would you say that you are more like a thermometer (Changing with the circumstances) or like a thermostat (Staying constant and influencing the environment)?

Read Philippians 4:10-13

Contentment should not be based on what we eat, on our bank account or on our living conditions. So, what is the “secret to contentment”? How do we prevent our circumstances from influencing our relationship with Christ on a daily basis?

Read Philippians 4:13 again and then Mark 12:41-44.

How did “all things” apply to the widow as she give all the money she had to the temple? How do you feel when you read this example?

Given that our goal is Christ-sufficiency instead of self-sufficiency, how does a relationship with the Lord keep us flexible, confident and steady in the extremes of life?

Read Philippians 4:14-18.

A missionary’s journal included the saying, “It’s not what you do with the millions you’ve got, but what you do with the dollar and quarter you’ve got.” Do you spend time dreaming about how generous you could be if you had more instead of being generous with what God has already given you?

How can giving be an act of worship?

Have you been blessed by giving to someone else this season? Is there an area of contentment or giving that you need to work on this Christmas season? Make a plan and share about how it went at your next meeting.