

**The contented steward**  
Part 2 of 5 – Stewards not owners  
Philippians 4:10-19, p. 953

**CONTENTMENT:** *GRATEFULLY TRUSTING GOD WITH MY FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES*

**I. THE CONTENTED STEWARD IS FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT ON CHRIST, NOT SELF (PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13).**

- A. God's stewards choose to accept changing financial circumstances (4:10-11).
- Stewards value relationships over money.
  - Stewards don't blame others for their financial need.
- B. God's stewards are content because they value Christ's strength above all else (4:12-13).
- Stewards trust Christ's plan for them financially.
  - Stewards see themselves financially dependent on God.

**II. THE CONTENTED STEWARD IS GRATEFUL FOR WHAT GOD PROVIDES (PHILIPPIANS 4:14-18).**

- A. Stewards are grateful for those God uses to supply and bless them (4:14-17).
- B. Stewards are grateful because God is praised when He uses people to meet our needs (4:18).

**III. THE CONTENTED STEWARD IS CONFIDENT GOD WILL PROVIDE ALL THEIR NEEDS (PHILIPPIANS 4:19).**

Developing financial contentment

1. Focus on basic needs, not grand desires (1 Timothy 6:6-8).
2. Accept that more income may not be God's will (Luke 3:14).
3. Expect peace from God, not money (Hebrews 13:5).