

The Secret Sauce

Philippians 4:4-13

Every successful company, especially food style companies, have what they call their "secret ingredient." Take Coke®, the recipe for Coke is considered one of the world's most protected ingredient. Microsoft® has spent billions upon billions defending its patents from the greediness of its competitors. Many people have a "secret sauce" to something. Our own Aaron Lechuga makes what I think is the greatest guacamole on the planet but he will not give out his recipe.

Today we want to discover in God's Word the recipe for contentment. Snoopy was lying in his dog house one Thanksgiving Day, mumbling about being stuck with dog food while all those humans got to be inside with the turkey, gravy, and pumpkin pie.

"Of course it could have been worse," he finally reflected,
"I could have been born a turkey."

The Secret Sauce of being content . . .

I. Learning to be happy with _____ V.12

- A. Enjoy the _____.
- B. Don't be _____ by the plenty.
- C. _____ isn't getting what you want, it is enjoying what God has given you.
 1. Enjoy it while you have it, but be willing to _____ It back to Him.
 2. Being content is knowing _____ you are.

II. Never forget that things could always be _____.

- A. Where do you _____?
- B. Who do you _____?
- C. If God loves you, and your spouse loves you (if applicable), if you love your kids (if applicable), and you have your health, what can _____ do to you?
 1. Enjoy your _____.
 2. Enjoy your _____.
 3. Enjoy this _____.

III. Understand what you seek is _____, not material.

- A. Our problem is not to want _____.
- B. Our problem is the spiritual _____ behind our wants.
- C. Our dissatisfaction, on the good side if we let it, can shape our spiritual _____ and cause us to pray.

Conclusion

God's Word commands us to . . .

1. _____ in God's goodness. V.4
2. Don't worry but give it to the _____. V.6
3. Think on _____ things. V.8
4. By doing the above, we live in His _____.

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