

Paul's Spiritual Secret – Philippians 4:10-13

1. Focus on _____ (Phil. 4:13)
 - a. He _____ us (4:13)
He exchanges our weakness and inability for His strength and ability (Isa. 40:31)
(And He gives us a forbearing spirit! Phil. 4:5)

 - b. He _____ in all situations (4:11-12)

2. Don't Focus on _____ (Phil. 4:10-12)
 - a. Circumstances aren't a measure of your _____ (4:10)
Many NT churches were poor! (Phil. 4:10; 2 Cor. 8:1-5)
Jesus's own disciples were often in difficult circumstances (1 Cor. 4:11-13)
Wealth and luxurious possessions are never mentioned as attributes of "spiritual leaders"
(We never need to be anxious about material things! Phil. 4:6)

 - b. Circumstances aren't a measure of your _____ (4:11-12)
Don't judge yourself for not being perfect!

Application: Contentment comes from a learning process (4:11-12)

Difficult times *might* be maturing you.

Paul didn't aim for contentment; he aimed for Christ, and found contentment.