

## Lesson 14 - Contentment Philippians 4:10-13

Understanding God's Sovereignty in the World	Understanding God's Work in Our Lives
<p>Ex 9:29 - the earth is the Lord's  Dt. 32:8 - God sets boundaries in our lives  Dt 32:39 - I am He - there are no other gods besides Him - He kills and makes alive, He wounds and He heals - no one can deliver from His hand  I Sam 2:6-8 - He kills and makes alive, makes rich and poor, brings low and exalts - the pillars of the earth are the Lord's  I Chronicles 29:11-12 - His is greatness, power, glory, victory, majesty - He is head over everything - He makes great and strengthens people  Job 12:10 - in His hand is every living thing and the breath of all mankind  Ps 47:2-8 - He is to be feared, great King over the earth, subdues people, chooses our inheritance for us, reigns over the nations, and sits on His holy throne  Ps 75:6-7 - God is Judge over all  Proverbs 21:31 - victory belongs to the Lord  Isaiah 45:7 - forms light and creates darkness, Causes well-being and creates calamity  John 19:11 - people have no power unless it has been given by God</p>	<p>Romans 8:28-29 - everything that comes into our lives will be used to work together for good - it is to conform us to the image of the Son    Philippians 2:14 - why do we grumble and dispute? We are not content with other's decisions    I Cor 10:13 - no temptation will come that you will not be able to endure    Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me    Job 1 - lost everything - the Lord gives and the Lord takes away blessed be the name of the Lord!    Gen 39-50 - Joseph      Gen 45:5-8, 50:19-20 - God sent Joseph to Egypt - not his brothers - he was in God's place - they may have meant evil but God used it for His good    Heb 13:5-6 - content with what we have - because we have Christ</p>

## Importance of Giving Philippians 4:14-19

Instructions of Giving	II Corinthians Giving	Principles of Giving
<p>Dt. 15:7-11 - freely opening your hand to the poor            Ps 41:1 - take care of the helpless - Lord will deliver you            Pr 3:27 - don't withhold from those who it is due            Pr 11:25 - generous man will prosper            Pr 25:21-22 - give to those in need - an enemy            Pr 28:27 - give to the poor - if not you will have many curses            Matt 19:21-22 - give all you have to the poor            Luke 3:11 - you have 2 tunics give one away - same with food            Acts 4:32-37 - they were selling and giving so there wasn't a needy one in the group            Gal 6:6-10 - giving to those who teach you            Phil 4:14-19 - God supplies for our needs - when we give to Him            James 1:27 - widows and orphans            I John 3:17 - closing ourselves to needs - how does God's love abide in you?</p>	<p>8:1-15            - gave above their ability (3)            - Begging to be able to give for the participation in the gospel (4)            - They gave themselves first to the Lord (5)            - It was a privilege            - Giving is a gracious work (6)            - Proves the sincerity of your love for God (8)            - There was an equality of believers (13)</p> <p>9:1-15            - give bountifully (6)            - Do what you have purposed in your heart (7)            - Don't give grudgingly or under compulsion (7)            - God loves a cheerful giver (7)            - He will provide what you need to do His work (8)            - Fully supply the needs of the saints (12)            - It is obedience to the Lord (13)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10% rule - start</li> <li>- Generously and open handedly</li> <li>- BEG to participate with the furthering of the gospel</li> <li>- To take care of the work of God - teach us, widows, orphans, poor</li> <li>- Give what we have - money, property, material possessions, time</li> <li>- Strive for equality</li> <li>- We give cautiously</li> <li>- We give to prove our trust in God and His ability to provide for us</li> <li>- Looking to the needs of others before ourselves</li> <li>- Observing first fruit principle</li> </ul>