Philippians 4:10-13 (NIV) I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. [11] I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be CONTENT whatever the circumstances. [12] I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being CONTENT in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. [13] I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

****Paul said he had to learn to be Content no matter what the circumstances. I wonder have I learned to be content in my life? Or am I always striving and seeking after bigger, better, faster, shinier stuff? When Paul says "I can do everything" he is referring to being able to be CONTENT whether he had enough to eat or whether he had an abundance. I was challenged by John Piper's thoughts on Contentment.

From: Future Grace "When contentment in God decreases, covetousness for gain increases. ...So covetousness is desiring something so much that you lose your contentment in God. Or: losing your contentment in God so that you start to seek it elsewhere." (Piper 221)

PRAYER: Lord and God, help me to learn to be CONTENT. Help me to see You as the ultimate gift. Please help me to see the things (many of which are necessary to live) as tools for accomplishing Your will. Help me to seek to honor You by being Content no matter what my situation may be.