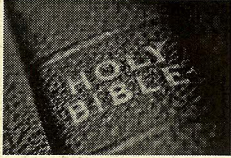


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The Power To Face Life

In Paul's letter to the Philippians he instructed them as to where to find the power to face and deal with life successfully (Philippians 4:11-13). The lesson within that text is equally important for us today.



Most everyone experiences periods of time when things seem to go pretty well. But in almost every case, sooner or later, *things change!* Life is always in motion. All sorts of forces affect our lives. Illness, injury, emotional stress, psychological disorders, financial problems, loss of a job, the death of a loved one, and a host of other developments can, all of a sudden, turn our lives upside down. In addition to all the rest, simply getting older can also take its toll.

Many people turn to doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, and other types of counselors for guidance to cope with what life has thrown at them. Others try to escape through alcohol and the illicit use of drugs, which ultimately worsens their problems. But Paul enlightens us that our greatest power to succeed, to cope, to effectively deal with the challenges of life is the power found in a right relationship with God through Christ.

.First, Paul states, "...for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (verse 11). We tend to think that if we could only lay our hands on more money we could solve most of our problems. *things he possesses*" (Luke 12:15). Continued on the next page.....

