The Spiritual Mind

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INTRODUCTION

- The key word in the book of Philippians is the word joy.
- How we deal with things in our own heart and attitude will determine whether we have the peace of God or not. No matter what others may do.
- Today I want us from chapter three, though, to look about the attitude that we may call the spiritual mind.

1 Our Citizenship Is in Heaven

Philippians 3:17–21

- An attitude that is one that looks at earth from heaven's viewpoint. Because our citizenship, one translation says, is in heaven.
- For our conversation for citizenship, one translation says, is in heaven. From whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Total consecration to the Lord that he is first in our life.
- The word things is found eleven times in chapter three.
- Philippi was known as a Roman colony. In other words, that made it a little Rome, away from Rome.

2 Things Are Not Bad of Themselves

Matthew 6; 1 Timothy 6:17; Luke 12:15

- We are as a Philippi in one sense. That we are God's people while on earth.
- It isn't wrong to have things. He has given us all things richly to enjoy.
- But it is how do you approach and use them? What is your viewpoint about the things that are material in their nature?
- A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesses.
- There are many people who have the things money can buy that they have lost the things that money cannot buy.

3 Paul's Past, As the Accountant

Philippians 3:1–11; Galatians 1:8; Colossians 2:11–12

- I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord.
- As the accountant, what things were gained, he said, are now as lost.
- This doctrine of Judaizing teachers was damnable. It was a perversion of the gospel of Christ.
- We are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus.
- Colossians 2 in verses 11 and 12 speaks about how we put off the body of the sins of the flesh when we're baptized.

4 How Do You Measure Success?

Acts 26:5; Galatians 1:14

- It's not measured by the material, temporal things.
- As I've already said, that isn't a sin unless we get it out of balance.
- He is no fool to give what he cannot keep in order to gain what is eternal.
- I was a Hebrew of the Hebrews. That's as though to say, boy, I had all the advantages of a Jew.
- And yet, as if anybody can brag or take confidence in the flesh, I could more than they.
- Yes, we may honor and love our parents, but they're not more important than serving the Lord.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Well, we were just singing, I surrender all. Did we mean it or not?**

MY NOTES