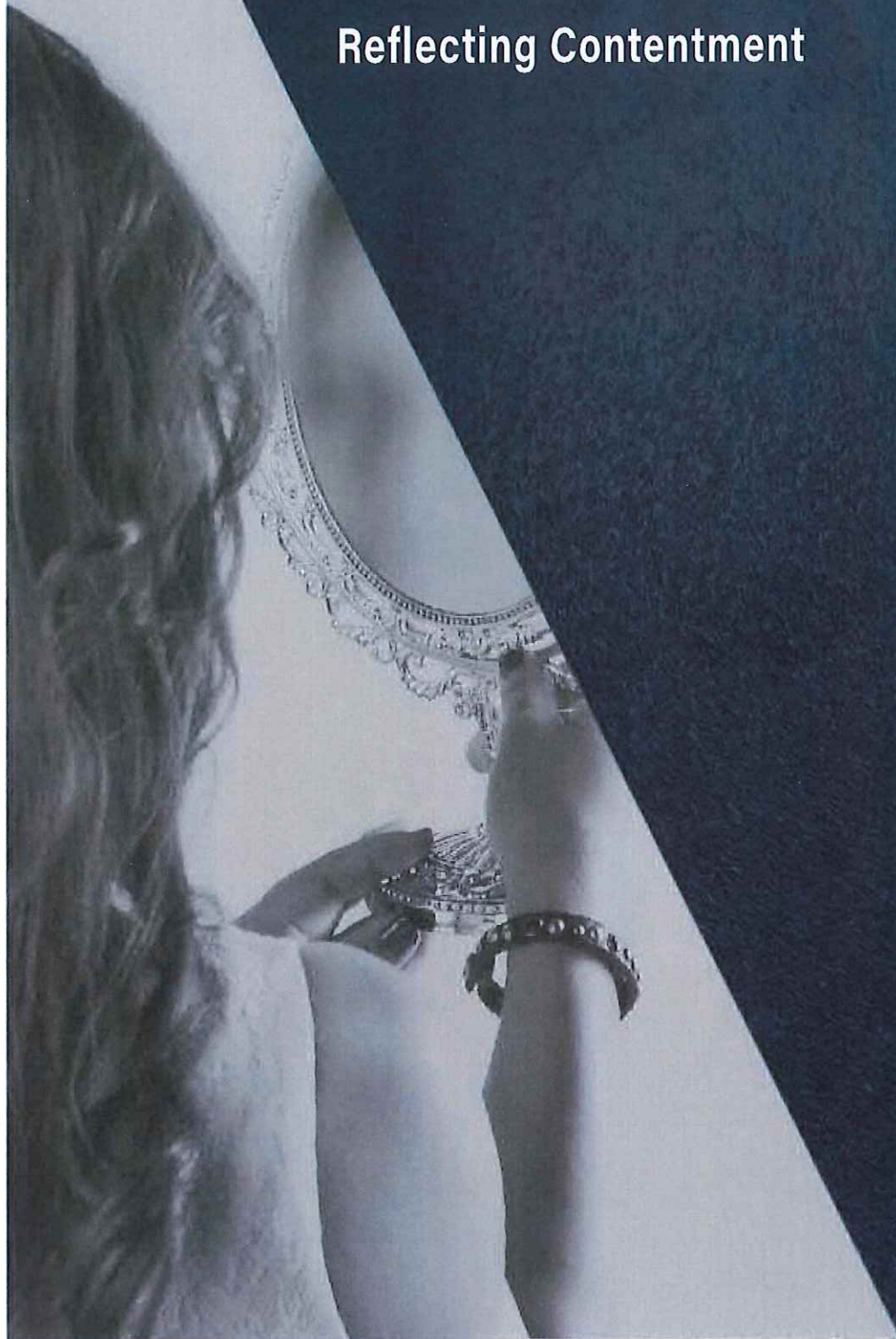


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Philippians 4:10-13

**"Contentment is not complacency, nor is it a false peace based on ignorance. Contentment is NOT an escape from battle, but rather an abiding peace and confidence IN the midst of battle."**

**Warren Wiersbe**

#### THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

- A. God orders our lives.
- B. Paul understood the friendship of the Philippians.
  - 1. The Philippians' concern was "blossomed" again.
  - 2. His joy was "in the Lord."

#### THE POWER OF GOD

- A. Contentment is "learned."

**"It is not trusting my own faithfulness, but by looking away to the Faithful One."**

**Hudson Taylor**

- B. Contentment is a choice.
- C. Circumstances are to be used.

**"He who knows how to use present abundance soberly and temperately with thanksgiving, prepared to part with everything whenever it may please the Lord, giving also a share to his brother according to his ability, and is also not puffed up, that man has learned to excel and to abound. This is an excellent and rare virtue..."**

**John Calvin**

## THE STRENGTH OF GOD

- A. What does "God's strength" **truly mean**?
1. To be "confident" to do **anything/everything** God calls us to.
  2. To be "confident" that God's power is **transmitted** to us.
- B. How do we **receive** God's strength?
1. Christ in me is the "**hope**."
  2. Christ in me is the "**strength**."
  3. What are the **practical** steps?

**"Wide swings of fortune awaits us. But because Christ is the center of our lives, we can be content. Both abundance and loss pass, but Christ remains the same."**

**Kent Hughes**