

# THRIVING IN A \$45 A BARREL ECONOMY

Part 1 – Rethink Your Financial Life  
Philippians 4:19

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*Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (NIV)*

I. THE **PROMISE** OF GOD'S PROVISION

II. THE **CONDITIONS** TO GOD'S PROMISE

A. LEARN TO BE **CONTENT** WITH WHAT YOU **ALREADY** HAVE

1. *Philippians 4:12 I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I've learned the secret of **contentment** in every situation.*
2. *1 Timothy 6:6-7 There is great gain in godliness combined with **contentment**, for we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it.*
3. Contentment means my happiness is not dependent upon my **circumstances**.
4. *Philippians 4:12 I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I've **learned** the secret of contentment in every situation.*
5. Does the right level of contentment in your life right now match your level of boom or bust?

6. God chooses to use **finances** as the acid test of our level of contentment.

**B. LIVE BY BIBLICAL FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES**

1. God will meet our needs but expects us to spend our money **wisely**.
2. Learn how to live on **less**, to say no to our wants, yes to our needs and develop the ability to know the difference between two.

**C. ASK FOR GOD'S HELP**

1. *James 4:2 You do not have because you do not ask God.*
2. *Matthew 7:7 Ask and it will be given you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will open for you.*
3. *Matthew 7:9-11 Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him! (NIV)*
4. *James 4:3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (NIV)*
5. *Matthew 6:33 Your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well what you need and He will give it to you if you give Him **first** place in your life and live as He wants you to.*
6. *1 Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their **hope** in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (NIV)*

**D. MAINTAIN OUR INTEGRITY**

1. *Proverbs 16:11 The Lord demands fairness in every business deal.*
2. *Proverbs 19:1 Better to be poor and honest than rich and dishonest.*
3. *Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and He adds no trouble to it. (NIV)*

**Action Steps I will take this week ...**

1. I will choose to be contented with what I already have.
2. I will take seriously Biblical principles of finance and begin incorporating them into my practice.
3. I will ask God for His help for legitimate needs and no matter how He chooses to meet them, I will maintain my integrity financially.

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