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Apostle Paul, a remarkable man! Happy man; contented with life; happy with world! Unusual! He lived in a day of Inflation, Shortages and world-wide opposition to his mission in life!

LESSON: Paul's secrets which led to abundant life.

I. PAUL COUNTED HIS BLESSINGS MORE THAN HIS SHORTAGES. (Practiced what he preached!)
B. SECRET: "He enjoys much who is thankful for little; a grateful mind is both a great and a happy mind." SECKER.
C. QUOTE: "A man's true wealth may be determined more by the fewness of his WANTS than by the abundance of what he has."
D. Paul was a RICH man with few material goods! *Phil. 3:7-8. He counted his blessings more than his shortages.

II. PAUL WAS GRATEFUL FOR EVERY SMALL BLESSING. (Preached what he practiced)
C. We enjoy blessings we have long forgotten!
1. How many grateful to EDWARD JENNER'S milk-maid friend? (Small-pox epidemic. Came to vaccinate her. She refused. Said couldn't take small-pox, because already had COW-POX. Led to vaccine and our wonderful immunization protection.
2. Alexander Fleming. Studying cures for modern diseases. Wind gusts contaminated his lab slides. Upset him. Led to growth of some blue-mold cultures which killed most bacteria. PENICILLIAN!

Paul would be too busy today being grateful for small things to worry too much about the FEW problems facing us.
III. MOST OF ALL, PAUL WAS GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S CARE.

A. He knew the promises of Matt. 6:33.
D. *Acts 28:14-15. Finally to preach to Caesar. Paul counted his OPPORTUNITIES more than his obstacles.

INV. ASK YOU TO PAUSE WITH ME TO COUNT THREE OF OUR GREATEST BLESSINGS OF ALL.

#1. That I am not left in spiritual darkness.
   *II Tim. 1:7-10. I CAN BE SAVED.


#3 My Judge at the Judgment will not be unsympathetic and unkind to me.
   Heb. 4:15. II Tim. 4:7-8.