

## Thank you for Your PARTNERSHIP ~ Philippians 4:14-23

→Scripture Reading Phil 4:12-13, 16-18

### INTRODUCTION

- Murphy's Law- If anything can go wrong it will.
- He has not become a person who sees the glass as always half empty all the time

### Celebrate, be Glad, be Delighted, REJOICE ~ Philippians 1, 2, 3, 4:4,10

<sup>1:18</sup> ...The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I REJOICE. Yes, and I will continue to REJOICE, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

<sup>2:17</sup> But EVEN IF I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and REJOICE with all of you. <sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and REJOICE with me.

<sup>3:1</sup> Finally, my brothers, REJOICE in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.

**Our inner attitudes do NOT have to reflect our outward circumstances** LAB

<sup>4:4</sup> REJOICE IN the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

<sup>4:10</sup> I REJOICE greatly in the Lord that at last you have RENEWED your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

### APPLICATION

#### REJOICING...

- is NOT a matter of Style
- IS about FOCUSING on the Lord
- is NOT a result of CIRCUMSTANCES
- is to DELIGHT in our Lord Jesus

**Isaiah 40:28-31** (NIV) Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will NOT grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom.

<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who HOPE in the LORD will RENEW their strength. They will SOAR on wings like eagles; they will RUN and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

### Thank you for Your GIFTS ~ Philippians 4:14-23

<sup>10</sup> I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your CONCERN for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to SHARE in my troubles.

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<sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## IMPLICATION

### → We become PARTNERS with those we Support

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to SHARE in my troubles.

<sup>15</sup> ...not one church SHARED with me in the matter of GIVING and RECEIVING, except you only

Other churches had a ONE-WAY relationship with Paul, Receiving but not Giving. HCSB

### → Most times our Giving will be SACRIFICIAL

<sup>18</sup> ...I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant OFFERING, an acceptable SACRIFICE, pleasing to God.

### → This is NOT a description of the Prosperity Gospel

<sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your NEEDS according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

**NEED-** is the STRENGTH to go on without food, to face a beating, or death and still honor God

**Hebrews 4:16** (NIV) ...approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of NEED.

Verse 19 does NOT tell us that God's people will NEVER experience or feel a NEED. It rather tells us that God will supply the NEEDS of His people. He sometimes does this by MEETING the need and sometimes by giving His people the strength to FACE the need head on. DACarson

<sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your NEEDS according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

**God WILL Provide everything we NEED to be able to Live FOR Jesus Christ.** CCE

## Believers in NERO'S Household send Greetings ~ Philippians 4:21-23

<sup>21</sup> Greet all the saints in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send greetings. <sup>22</sup> All the saints send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household. <sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

## TAKE AWAY ??

**Philippians 1:12-14** (NIV) Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am IN CHAINS for Christ. <sup>14</sup> Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

<sup>22</sup> All the saints send you greetings, ESPECIALLY those who belong to Caesar's household.

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