

## Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

<sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

## Philippians 4:16-17 (NIV)

...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.

## Philippians 4:18 (NIV)

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.

Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

And my God will meet all your needs  
according to his glorious riches in  
Christ Jesus.

**Thank you for Your  
PARTNERSHIP**

**Philippians 4:14-23**

# **Murphy's Law-**

If anything can go wrong -

**IT WILL**

# **O'toole's corollary to Murphy's Law**

Murphy was an **Optimist**

**The Other Line -**

Always moves faster



**Any tool dropped will always fall-**

so as to do the most damage

**Friends come and go -**

but enemies multiply

**The chances of the bread falling  
with peanut butter face down-**

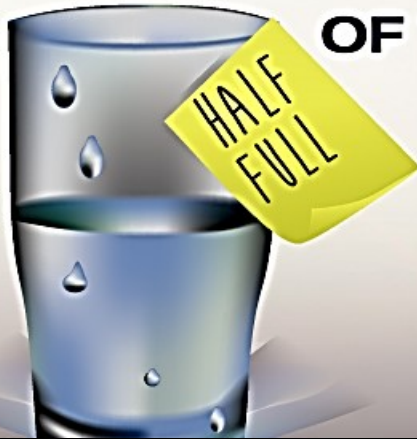
is directly related to the cost of  
the carpet



WHETHER A GLASS IS  
**HALF FULL** or **HALF EMPTY**

DEPENDS ON THE **ATTITUDE**

**OF THE PERSON LOOKING AT IT.**



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

The joy that Paul calls for is **NOT**  
a **happiness that depends**  
**on circumstances** - but a **DEEP**  
**CONTENTMENT** that is **IN** the Lord,  
based on **TRUST** in the **Sovereign,**  
**Living God,** and that therefore is  
**ALWAYS** available, even **IN**  
**difficult times.** ESV

# REJOICING...

- is NOT a matter of outward **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.**



29 **He gives STRENGTH** to the weary  
and **increases the POWER** of the weak.

30 Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;

31 **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.



→ 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**.

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→ **Most times our Giving will be  
SACRIFICIAL**

<sup>18</sup> ...I am **AMPLEY** 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.

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<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

Philippians 1:12-14 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers,  
that what has happened to me  
has really served to  
**ADVANCE** the **gospel**.

Philippians 1:12-14 (NIV)

<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.**

Philippians 1:12-14 (NIV)

<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.**



# TOO MANY TO JAIL

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THE STORY OF IRAN'S  
NEW CHRISTIANS

