

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.

¹³ 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.

¹⁷ 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-**

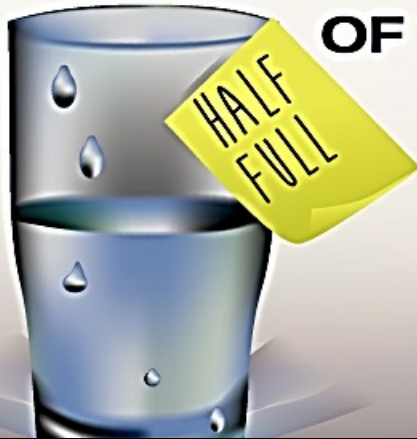
is directly related to the cost of
the carpet



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

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to **SHARE**
in my troubles.

¹⁵ ...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**

¹⁸ ...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

¹⁹ 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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¹⁹ 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)

¹² 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)

¹³ 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)

¹⁴ **Because of my chains**, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

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

TOO MANY TO JAIL

MARK
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THE STORY OF IRAN'S
NEW CHRISTIANS

