

→Scripture Reading Phil. 4:12-13, 15, 18-19

Thank you for Your GIFTS ~ Philippians 4:14-20

¹⁰ 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.

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

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¹⁵ 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; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need.

^{1:3} I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your **PARTNERSHIP** in the gospel from the first day until NOW...

¹⁷ Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:20-21 (NIV) But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For **where your treasure is, THERE your heart will be also**.

If we humbly go to God for help - even in our weakest, neediest moments - He supplies the **grace** and **power** we **NEED to follow and serve Him** and Endure through every Adversity. gotquestions.org

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

IMPLICATION

→ **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

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

¹⁸ ...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**

¹⁹ And my God will meet all your **NEEDS** according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

God will meet your Needs BY giving you the **STRENGTH to keep on going** without food, **to keep on going** in the 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**. Instead it 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

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

We can TRUST God to Provide Exactly WHAT we need...

- the strength to PERSEVERE through really Hard Times
- the power to ENDURE when ALL seems Lost
- the ability to be CONTENT even when Hungry

Philippians 4:11-13 (JBP) ¹¹ ...I have learned to be Content, whatever the circumstances may be. ¹² ...I have learned the secret of facing either PLENTY or POVERTY. ¹³ I am ready for anything THROUGH the Strength of the ONE who lives within me.

Believers in Caesar's Household ~ Philippians 4:21-23

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

TAKE AWAY ??

2 Timothy 3:10-11 (NLT) But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. ¹¹ You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra - but the Lord RESCUED me from all of it.

2 Timothy 4:16-18 (NIV) At my first defense, NO ONE came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from EVERY evil attack and will bring me safely to HIS heavenly kingdom. To HIM be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase
To added affliction He addeth His mercy
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure
His power has no boundary known unto men
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again

When we have exhausted our store of endurance
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
Our Father's full giving is only begun