

Philippians - Chapter 4:18-23

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Philippians 4:15-23 (NASB)

¹⁵ You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;

¹⁶ for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs.

¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

¹⁸ But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ Now to our God and Father *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.

²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Review

Where was Paul? (Dungeon or House Arrest?)

- Paul was under house arrest for 2 years. (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon written)
- Paul may have been released for a period of time. (1 Timothy and Titus written. Paul makes reference to travels.)
- After which he was rearrested and put into prison, and ultimately executed. (2 Timothy near death)

Review

Where was Paul? (Dungeon or House Arrest?)

- Acts 28:30-31 (NASB)

³⁰ And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him,
³¹ preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.

Paul was forced to be dependent on other believers for his physical needs.

Review

Paul's situation gave the Philippians opportunity to supply his needs.

2 Corinthians 8:1-3 (NASB)

¹ Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, ² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. ³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord,

Review

Paul didn't "seek the gift" (v15)

Philippians 4:11-12 (NASB)

¹¹ Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. ¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

Verse 18

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Philippians 2:25

I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need.

Verse 18

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well-pleasing to God.

Philippians 2:17

[And] even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

The gift of the Philippians was true sacrificial ministry no less significant than Paul's ministry.

Verse 19

And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

What are “**needs**”?

1 Timothy 6:7-8 (NASB)

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What about...

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:11

But the humble will inherit the land And will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The context is the earthly blessing for Israel in the Kingdom!

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Hebrews 13:1,3, 5-6

¹ Let love of the brethren continue.... ³ Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, *and* those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body....

⁵ *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," ⁶ so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

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The church that gives to missionaries will have its own needs supplied. -Charles Ryrie

Is that what these verses teach?

NO!

Rather, we rest in the truth that God will supply our needs, and on that basis we freely share with the body.