

Philippians 4:10-23

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The Philippians' financial fellowship in the gospel

Paul rejoiced _____ that the Philippians were willing to help him financially.

This is something they had done early on in their relationship but had _____ until recently.

The word "flourished" comes from a word that is used to describe a _____ that comes to life again in the spring.

Paul says that the reason for the gap in their support of him was that they _____ opportunity.

When Paul first left Macedonia, the Philippian church was the only church to help him financially.

They even helped him when he was in Thessalonica.

Acts 17:1-9

Paul's short trip to Thessalonica was filled with success as well as _____.

It was during difficult times as this, that the church in Philippi met Paul's _____ needs.

We also learn from our text that the monetary gift given to Paul made a deposit into their _____ account. He refers to their gift as "fruit that abounds to your account."

Their gift was a sweet-smelling aroma and an _____ sacrifice that pleased God.

Eph 5:1-2 *Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.* NKJV

Christ's sacrifice was a _____ - **smelling** aroma to God.

2 Cor 2:14-17 *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.* NKJV

God diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge through _____.

To those living according to God's plan, we are a good fragrance.

To those rebelling against God, we are the smell of _____.

Heb 13:14-16 *For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. 15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. 16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*

God is _____ when we share what we have.

1 Tim 6:17-19 *Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.* NKJV

When we help others, we are storing up _____ in heaven.

Paul assures them that his God would supply all their _____ according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

- Because you have helped me, I can assure you that God will help you.

Matt 10:40-42 *"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."* NKJV

God looks out for those who look out for others.

Paul's Contentment

Phil 4:11-13 - Paul learned to be _____ in whatever _____ he found himself.

1 Tim 6:6-16

- Contentment is only possible if we have the proper _____ about earthly things. Paul knew that all earthly possessions are temporary.
- Contentment is only possible when we know who we are and who Christ is. Paul refers to us as people of God and Christ as the _____ of kings.
- Contentment is only possible when we _____ what God wants us to become by pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and gentleness.
- Contentment is only possible when we _____ what God wants us to do by engaging in the good fight of faith.

We can be content regardless of our circumstances or our situations in life.

Paul's circumstances and situations were far worse than ours.

Heb 13:5-6 *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"* NKJV

We can be content because the King of kings has promised to _____ leave us.

We need to learn to _____ while living!

Paul's Confidence

Phil 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Practical Application

- It's good when a church supports preachers with whom they have a relationship. I've added a page in the "Members Only" section of our website called "Preachers We Support." On this page you will find audio sermons of some of the men we support.