

Joyful Living & Joyful Giving!

Philippians Series # 10

Philippians 4:10-23 ESV

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- 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.
- 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.
- 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- 14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.
- 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.
- 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.
- 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.
- 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.
- 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
- 21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers 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.

Joyful Living

Joyful living is living _____!

Joyful living is knowing that _____ is my _____!

Joyful living is _____ living _____!

Joyful Giving

Our joyful giving to the Lord's work helps spread the _____!

Our joyful giving to the Lord's work is an investment in our _____!

Our joyful giving to the Lord's work blesses _____!

Our joyful giving to the Lord's work results in God meeting our _____!

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Open: What is a situation from the past week in which you felt some form of discontentment?

Read: Philippians 4:10-23

1. This letter was written in part as a response to a gift the Philippians sent Paul. From what Paul says in this final section of his letter, why was he so encouraged by their financial gift? Why then was Paul intent on letting the Philippians know he wasn't dependent on their gift (vv. 11-13)?
2. When Paul speaks of being "content," what do you think he means (v. 11)? Why would he need to learn to be content even when "facing plenty," or experiencing "abundance" (v. 12)? How have you struggled with contentment during such times of blessing?
3. What is Paul's "secret" to being content, despite whatever situation he may find himself in (vv. 12-13)? How did Paul learn this secret? How could Paul's secret be applied to some of the situations in which you're currently struggling to find contentment?
4. Paul says his partnership with the Philippians involves both "giving and receiving" (v. 15). In what ways did their partnership involve both of these elements (vv. 14-18)? What does "giving and receiving" look like in your partnership with other believers who are serving Christ and advancing the Gospel? How might you enhance these partnerships?
5. What are some reasons believers are sometimes hesitant to be joyful supporters of those doing Christ's work? How does verse 19 encourage us to joyfully seek to meet the needs of others? How have you seen the promise of verse 19 play out in your life or in the lives of others?
6. What aspects of Paul's heart and character do you see in verses 20-23? How would it affect our church culture if we all adopted Paul's deep concern for the glory of God and for the good of others?

Apply: From our time in the book of Philippians, how have you been challenged to live in ways that demonstrate your commitment to centering your life around Christ no matter the circumstances.

Pray: Ask God to make us all people who live joyfully and who give joyfully so that God may be glorified "forever and ever."

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