

What About Giving to God?

(Philippians 4:10-20)

Lighten Up, No. 18

Philippians 4:10 (NIV)

**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.**

Philippians 4:11 (NIV)

**I am not saying this
because I am in need,
for I have learned to be content
whatever the circumstances.**

Philippians 4:12 (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.**

Philippians 4:13-14 (NIV)

**I can do everything through him
who gives me strength.**

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

Philippians 4:15 (NIV)

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;

Philippians 4:16-17 (NIV)

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

**¹⁷Not 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 4:19-20 (NIV)

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

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

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Matthew 6:20 (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.”**

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- 4. God desires thanksgiving (4:18a).**

Action Points

- 1. Thank you for giving!**
- 2. Give generously to the Lord!**
- 3. Let's celebrate God's gift to us—the Lord Jesus Christ.**