

God Will Supply
Philippians 4:14-23

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I. Sharing in the ministry. Philippians 4:14-16

"They would be sharing in the apostolic trials which precede and prepare for the end, as by their gifts the gospel is carried to every creature in _____ for that end." (Ralph Martin) **Mark 13:19**

- God can provide any way He sees fit, and sometimes He allows us to be a part of the _____ of spreading the Gospel in other places without us even leaving our homes.

"Even the Thessalonians had contributed _____ to his maintenance: this is not spoken to their credit." (Clarke)

II. A sweet-smelling aroma. Philippians 4:17-18

We should never think that the Lord cannot complete a ministry without our help, He simply asks us to be _____ to His will so we can be blessed by taking part in His ministries. **Malachi 3:10**

- Paul likens the Philippians' offering to a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, _____ to God, similar to the sweet-savor offerings of the Old Testament Temple.

Our praise, worship, service, and gifts should all be given to the Lord Jesus Christ sacrificially, as a _____ to His great sacrifice for our salvation.

III. God deserves the glory. Philippians 4:19-20

"This does not mean necessarily that they would be unduly wealthy, but that there would be manifested in their physical as well as their spiritual lives the _____ supply of the Lord." (Walvoord)

- Everything we have, every breath, every meal, no matter what _____ the Lord uses, the blessings all come from the Lord and we should use it for the Lord's glory. **Deuteronomy 10:14-18**

This doxology statement from Paul came from his own personal _____ of the Lord's supply to him, for life, joy, and peace, which made it possible for him to be content in much or in need.

IV. Salutation. Philippians 4:21-23

Some of the soldiers who were chained to Paul while he was on death row, heard the Gospel, witnessed his life, and came to _____ in Christ.

- The acrostic for **Grace** is *God's riches, at Christ's _____*.
2 Corinthians 8:9

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Philippians 4:14-16**. Discuss the statement from the sermon, *"Not everyone can do vocational or missionary ministry, but as the body of Christ, we all have gifts, talents, and a specific part to play, and some give towards the cost of the ministry."*
Acts 16:8-10, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7
2. Hudson Taylor said, *"When God's work is done in God's way for God's glory, it will not lack for God's supply."* Do you agree? Why or why not? How can our contentment be a witness to the lost?
Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 19:10, Mark 9:37-38, Romans 1:16
3. *Why is daily systematic reading of the Bible a must if you want joy and victory in your Christian life? How can beginning the day with prayer prepare us for a joy-filled day in the Lord? How will asking God to give you a submissive mind help you in your contact with people each day?*
2 Timothy 2:15, Psalm 119:11, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, Proverbs 3:1-2
4. *How will being single-minded each day prepare us for difficult experiences we may have to face?*
Colossians 3:2-3, Philippians 3:20, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 4:2, 1 Corinthians 2:16
5. *What should we do if we find wrong or impure thoughts creeping into our minds? What have you learned from this study of Philippians that you feel will make a real difference in your Christian life?*
6. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.

(Some questions taken from Warren Wiersbe)