

Philippians 4:8-23 Study Questions

Read Philippians 4:10-13

What generally happens in your life when financial troubles come?

In what way do you think the Philippians showed their concern for Paul?

What often makes us discontented?

How was Paul able to be content in every situation?

What have you learned from times when you lived through a period of financial shortage?

How do you decide when you have enough?

In what way has the promise of v. 13 brought encouragement in your life?

Read Philippians 4:14-19

Paul appreciated the faithful mission giving he had received?

What has been your experience in support for missions?

Compare what Paul writes about their giving in vs. 16 with Acts 16:39-17:9. Note that the young church in Philippi began their mission giving very soon. What does this teach us?

Paul wrote in v. 17 that their giving was not just for his benefit but for theirs also.

What blessings have you received from personal giving to others?

Compare v. 18 with 2:25-30. It appears that Epaphroditus delivered their gift and then became quite ill while with Paul. What does this teach you about taking risks for the work of Jesus?

How do you learn to give to others when concerned you will not have enough left to meet your needs?

In what way is the promise of v. 19 conditioned by the giving of previous verses?

Read Philippians 4:20-23

Paul sends greetings from Christians in Rome to those in Philippi.

How have you experienced Christian friendship in distant travels or places?

What is the significance of Christian greetings from “those who belong to Caesar’s household?”

How do think these became Christians?

Have you known of someone finding a Christian where you would not think there were any believers?

What does the “grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit” mean to you?

What is one benefit you have received from this study in Philippians?

(Questions are based on the New International Version of the Bible. Other translations may add insight into the answers to the questions.)