

MISSIONS GIVING

Philippians 4:14-19

God intends Christians to give to missions so that the gospel goes everywhere

I. THE PEOPLE'S GENEROSITY EXTENDED (14-16)

A. GLOBALLY INVOLVED IN ITALY (14)

1. They connected with Paul's during his Roman imprisonment
2. They were praying for Paul's release (1:19)
3. They sent Epaphroditus, a one-man missions team, with provisions for Paul (2:25)
4. Note that even small churches can have a big impact all over the world

B. REGIONALLY INVOLVED IN ACHAEA (15)

- At Athens and Corinth which are to the south of Macedonia
1. From the start
 - Though new in the Lord and a new church themselves, they had a missions program!
 2. With regard to gospel preaching
 3. Feeling an obligation: "Giving and receiving"
 4. All alone:
 - a. No other churches shared ... at least seven could or should have
 - b. The Philippians knew others weren't giving but felt compelled to participate anyway

C. LOCALLY INVOLVED IN THESSALONICA (16)

1. They sent a gift
2. They assisted Paul while he assisted others - See I Thess. 2:9 and II Thess. 3:7-8
3. They sent twice to Paul during his brief ministry in Thessalonica

D. SOME PERSONAL INQUIRY

1. Are you interested in assisting missionaries in their worldwide endeavors?
2. Will you consider the gospel-giving impact of your gift?
3. Are you willing to give even if others do not?

II. PAUL'S GRATITUDE EXPRESSED (14-18)

A. REMARKS ABOUT THE GIVERS (14-16)

1. They are beautiful (14a)
2. They are encouraging (14b)
3. They are remembered (15-16)

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B. REACTIONS TO THE GIFT (17-18)

1. Paul's Emphasis (17)
 - a. His message: It is more about the giver than about the gift!
 - b. His motive: Not greed but their good
2. Their Generosity (18a)
 - Completeness, abundance and ample supplied
3. An Offering (18b)
 - a. Given to Paul by the church through Epaphroditus
 - b. Given for Paul but offered to God

III. GOD'S GRACE EXCLAIMED (19)

A. THE SUPPLY

1. Concrete: God will supply
 - a. God will definitely fill your needs! - See Psalm 37:25 and Proverbs 3:9-10
 - b. You sacrifice and God supplies: Our gifts become faith-building opportunities
2. Complete: All your needs
 - a. All: Physically and spiritually
 - b. You needs: The needs must be legitimate and not simply wants called needs
3. Conclusive: Your sacrifices will not leave you destitute

B. THE SOURCE

1. According to His riches: In proportion to His unlimited resources.
2. His riches in glory: The magnificent splendor of His glorious provision

C. THE CERTAINTY

1. If you follow these principles (14-18)
 - a. Doing well (14-16) > Globally, regionally, locally
 - b. Investing wisely (17) > In an account that pays dividends that can be reinvested
 - c. Giving worshipfully (18) > So that the ultimate recipient is the Almighty not the missionary
2. You can claim this promise (19)
 - a. Don't claim it out of context
 - b. There is no gaining until first there is giving

CONCLUSION:

Let us give so that the gospel goes global!

- How will they hear without a proclaimer?
- Read Hebrews 13:20-21