

Digging Deeper (for further study):

6. How does this passage help deepen your understanding of God's provision for the current needs of your own life?

How can you ensure that you have a right understanding of what your "needs" truly are?

How is the Lord's provision for your needs linked to your own heart of giving?

7. In these closing verses to the church, in what ways can you identify the themes of Philippians: gospel-centered unity, joy, imitation, and perseverance through difficult circumstances?

The Heart of Giving
Philippians 4:15-23
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1. Giving to support the ministry (v. 15-16)

✧ Their place in Paul's heart...

✧ Real sacrificial giving...

2. Giving as worship (v. 17-18)

✧ It's a sanctifying practice...

✧ It's truly an offering...

3. Giving—and receiving—to the glory of God (v. 19-20)

✧ The blessing of giving...

✧ The Godward orientation of giving...

4. Giving: a picture of the church (v. 21-23)

✧ Purpose in the greeting...

✧ Giving grace...

3. Paul spends a large portion of this conclusion talking about giving, and specifically, about the Philippian believers' gifts to him. To better understand their role in supporting Paul, read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. What is significant about their giving to Paul?

What are some of the characteristics of their giving, both in terms of the gifts themselves and of their own hearts in the process?

Practicing It Together:

4. In what ways does this example of giving, demonstrated by the Philippian believers, cause us to evaluate our own hearts for giving?

What specific actions are you going to take to be more intentional in giving of yourself and your resources toward the increase and advancement of the gospel?

Message-Based Discussion Questions

1. As you reflect on the message, what was one observation, application, or insight that stood out to you?

2. The conclusion of a letter, for Paul, was far more than a formality. Read Philippians 4:15-23. Placing yourself in the shoes of a Philippians believer, what would have stood out to you as an encouragement the first time you heard this letter? Explain your reasoning.

5. Even as we give, we also ought to pray that the gifts that are given go to further the progress of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Take time to pray in specific ways for the advance of the gospel through the gifts that you give.