

Enough Already

Philippians 4:10-20

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I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at least you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I 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. ¹³I can do everything through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, 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; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹And 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.
Philippians 4:10-20 (New International Version)

The Big Idea: Our attitudes about our 'stuff' reveal how much we trust that Christ is enough.

1. When we believe that Christ is enough, we can be content with what we have.

See Philippians 4:11b-13.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. James 1:17a (NIV)

2. When we believe that Christ is enough, we can be generous with what we have.

See Philippians 4:14-20.

The Philippians Giving Was Sacrificial

Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. 2 Corinthians 8:2-3a (NIV)

*“ . . . this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.”
Mark 12:43b-44 (NIV)*

The Philippians Giving Was an Act of Worship

*. . . the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.
Philippians 4:18b (NIV)*

3. How do we develop trust in the sufficiency of Christ?

Worship

Giving