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A Practical Study of PHILIPPIANS

THE GOAL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

“Important Keys to Successful, Fulfilled Living”

KEY VERSE: Philippians 3:14 — The Christian’s goal is Jesus Christ

“I am pressing onward toward the goal for the prize of the call from above of God in Christ Jesus.”

GOAL NUMBER ONE – THE LOVE OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

KEY VERSE 1:8

v. 1 Paul and Timothy, bondslaves of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, together with overseers and deacons;

v. 2 grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

v. 3 I am thanking my God upon every remembrance of you,

v. 4 always in every prayer of mine, making request in behalf of all of you with joy,

v. 5 in view of your close relationship with the gospel from the first day until now.

v. 6 Being sure of this very thing, that He who began in you a good work will bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

v. 7 Even as it is right for me to be feeling this way about all of you, because you are holding me in your heart, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, all of you being sharers with me in this grace.

v. 8 For God is my witness, how I am longing after all of you with the affections of Christ Jesus.

v. 9 And this I am praying, that your love yet more and more might overflow (grow) in knowledge and every experience,

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v.10 so that you may be putting to the test the things that really matter, in order that you might be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ; v.11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which fruit is through Jesus Christ, for the glory and praise of God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 1:1-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. To whom was this letter written, according to verse 1?

3. How did Paul get to know the Philippians? Acts 16:12-31

4. Who were the first three people to become Christians there?

5. Have you ever opened your heart to Jesus Christ? If so, when?

6. Paul was confident of what, according to verse 6?

7. What did Paul pray for in verse 9?

8. What kind of fruit does he talk about in verse 11? Describe some of this fruit recorded in Galatians 5:22, 23.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: A man must experience God's grace before he can know anything of God's peace.

LESSON #2: Prayer is a vital part of a growing Christian's relationship with God.

LESSON #3: An indication of salvation is generosity.

LESSON #4: The work He has begun in us, He will complete.

LESSON #5: How much do you love Jesus Christ?

LESSON #6: Love for Christ grows through knowledge and experience.

LESSON #7: Are you filled with the fruit of righteousness?

LESSON #8: Is the love of Christ flowing through you right now?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GOAL NUMBER TWO – THE GLORY OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 1:12-26

KEY VERSE 1:20

v.12 Now I am desiring you to know, brethren, that the things concerning me (my imprisonment) have turned out rather in the progress of the gospel,

v.13 so that it has become evident that my imprisonment (bonds) are because of Christ in the whole Praetorian Guard and to all the rest,

v.14 and the great majority of the brethren, having become confident in the Lord through my imprisonment (bonds), are more abundantly bold to speak the word of God without fear.

v.15 Certain ones, indeed, are preaching Christ even because of envy and strife, but also certain others because of good will;

v.16 some indeed out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;

v.17 but others out of a self-seeking spirit are proclaiming Christ, not from pure motives, thinking to raise up additional afflictions to my imprisonment (bonds).

v.18 What does it matter? Except that in every manner, whether in pretense or truth, Christ is being proclaimed; and in this I am rejoicing, and I shall certainly continue to be rejoicing.

v.19 For I am knowing that this shall turn out in deliverance for me through your prayer and support of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

v.20 according to my eager expectation and hope, that in nothing shall I be put to shame, but in all boldness, as always, also now, Christ shall be glorified in my body, whether through life or through death.

v.21 For to me, to be living is Christ, and to have died, that would be a gain.

v.22 But if to be living in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and what I shall choose I am not knowing.

v.23 But I am being hard pressed between the two, having the desire to depart (break up camp) and to be with Christ, for it is much more better;

v.24 but to be remaining in the flesh is more needful (necessary) for you.

v.25 And having this confidence, I am knowing that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

v.26 in order that your rejoicing (glorying) may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 1:12-26 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Where is Paul when he writes this letter? Acts 28:16

3. What has happened because of Paul's being in prison, according to verses 12-14?

4. How are some proclaiming the gospel, and what is Paul's attitude in the matter, according to verses 15-18?

5. How is Paul going to be delivered, according to verse 19?

6. What did Paul want more than anything, according to verse 20?

7. Was Paul afraid to die? Why? (verses 21-23)

8. Why did Paul feel that he would remain alive for the present, according to verses 24-26?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is so important for us to see the Lord's hand in the midst of our adversity.

LESSON #2: An attitude of acceptance is critical when things are difficult.

LESSON #3: It is important for us not to let someone else’s conduct affect our happiness.

LESSON #4: Our goal in life should be Christ’s glory.

LESSON #5: Death just terminates things here and starts things over there.

LESSON #6: Paul’s analysis of death is “much more better.”

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GOAL NUMBER THREE – THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30

KEY VERSE 1:29

v.27 Only live as citizens in a manner worthy of the gospel of the Christ; in order that whether having come and having seen you or whether being absent, I am hearing things concerning you, that you are standing firm in one spirit, contending with one soul for the faith of the gospel;

v.28 and in no way being intimidated by your opponents, which is to them clear evidence (proof) of utter destruction, but of your salvation, and this from God.

v.29 Because to you it has been given in the behalf of Christ, not only to be believing on Him, but also to be suffering in His behalf,

v.30 having the same struggle which you saw in me, and now you are hearing to be in me.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 1:27-30 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Paul ask them to do in verse 27?

3. What do you think it means to “stand firm in one spirit”?

4. How could we contend for the faith of the Gospel?

5. What is their attitude supposed to be toward those who are opposing them, according to verse 28?

6. Explain “utter destruction” and “salvation” in verse 28.

7. What two things are they supposed to do, according to verse 29?

8. Have you ever had to suffer for Christ? How?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The practice of our lives ought to match the profession of our lips.

LESSON #2: Defensively, we are to stand firm and offensively, we are to contend.

LESSON #3: We are not to be frightened by our opponents.

LESSON #4: Salvation comes from God in response to our act of faith in receiving His Son.

LESSON #5: Suffering is part of the divine curriculum for our spiritual development.

LESSON #6: The suffering and struggling are making us more like our Savior.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GOAL NUMBER FOUR – THE MIND OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

KEY VERSE 2:5

v. 1 If there is therefore any encouragement in Christ, if there is any solace afforded by love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if there is any affection and sympathy,

v. 2 make full my joy in order that you may be thinking the same thing, having the same love, united in spirit, thinking the one thing,

v. 3 doing nothing from selfish ambition or from empty conceit, but with humility of mind regarding one another as excelling themselves;

v. 4 not looking out each one for his own interests, but also each one the interests of others.

v. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

v. 6 who, existing in the form of God, looked not upon this being equal with God a prize to be grasped eagerly,

v. 7 but emptied Himself, having taken the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men.

v. 8 And being found in outward appearance as a man, He humbled Himself, having become obedient to the point of death, even death of a cross.

v. 9 Therefore also God exalted Him to the highest place, and graciously bestowed upon Him the name which is above every name,

v.10 in order that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,

v.11 and that every tongue should confess (plainly and openly agree) that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 2:1-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is Paul asking from his fellow believers in verse 1?

3. How are you supposed to treat others, according to verse 3?

4. What does Paul command in verse 5?

5. How can we fulfill this command in our daily lives?

6. What has Jesus done for us, according to verse 8? Why?

7. What did God, the Father, do for Jesus, according to verse 9?

8. What two things will everybody do some day, according to verses 10 and 11?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We have learned of the power of encouragement, love, fellowship, sensitivity, and service.

LESSON #2: We are to be doing nothing according to self-seeking.

LESSON #3: We are to allow the mind of Christ our Savior to become our mind.

LESSON #4: Fellowship with the living Word and in the written Word will provide the framework for this mind.

LESSON #5: Am I willing to empty myself of my rights and take the form of a servant?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GOAL NUMBER FIVE – THE DAY OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

KEY VERSE 2:16

v.12 So then, my beloved ones, just as you always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much more in my absence, with a reverential fear and trembling be working out your own salvation;
v.13 for God is the one who is working in you, both to desiring and to doing for His good pleasure.
v.14 Be doing all things without secret complainings and inward questionings;
v.15 in order that you may become blameless and innocent, children of God, above reproach in the midst of a crooked (dishonest) and depraved (distorted) generation, among whom you are shining as lights in the world,
v.16 holding fast (forth) the word of life, to the end that I may have a ground for glorying in the day of Christ, because I ran not in vain nor labored in vain.
v.17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am joying and rejoicing with you all.
v.18 But you also, be rejoicing in the same thing and be rejoicing with me.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 2:12-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are we asked to do in verse 12?

3. What does God do for us in verse 13?

4. How are we supposed to do things, according to verse 14?

5. What is our job in the world, according to verses 15 and 16?

6. How can we fulfill the command to “hold fast the word of life”?

7. Explain what you think Paul means by the statement in verse 17.

8. What are we asked to do in verse 18?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We are commanded to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

LESSON #2: God is working in our lives, both on our desires and our doing of His good will.

LESSON #3: We are to abstain from secret complaining.

LESSON #4: We are commanded to shine as lights in a crooked world.

LESSON #5: Paul is running the race of his life in view of the day of Christ.

LESSON #6: We can have joy on being spent in His service.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Goal Number Six – The Things of Christ – Philippians 2:19-24

KEY VERSE 2:21

v.19 But I am hoping in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you quickly, in order that I also may be of good cheer having come to know the things concerning you.

v.20 For I am having no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned about the things concerning you.

v.21 For they all are seeking their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus.

v.22 But you are knowing the proof of him, that as a child to a father, he served with me for the gospel.

v.23 This one therefore I am hoping to send immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me;

v.24 but I have a certainty in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 2:19-24 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Who does Paul want to send to Philippi, and why, according to verse 19?

3. From these verses, describe Timothy in your own words.

4. What made Timothy different, according to verse 21?

5. What did Timothy do, according to verse 22?

6. How is your life different than Timothy's?

7. How is your life the same as Timothy's?

8. What does Paul hope to do, according to verse 24?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is the servant heart that delights the heart of God.

LESSON #2: Timothy’s availability to the Lord’s service was unconditional.

LESSON #3: Timothy is genuinely concerned for the things of others.

LESSON #4: The things of Christ involve: sacrifice, service, spending ourselves, and a willingness to shed our blood.

LESSON #5: Have you ever experienced a certainty in the Lord that He was going to do some specific thing in your life?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GOAL NUMBER SEVEN – THE WORK OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 2:25-30

KEY VERSE 2:30

v.25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-worker and fellow-soldier, but your apostle and minister to my need;
v.26 seeing that he was longing for all of you and was distressed because you heard that he was sick.
v.27 For truly he was sick near death, but God had mercy upon him, not only upon him, but also upon me, in order that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow.
v.28 With haste therefore I sent him, in order that having seen him again you might be rejoicing and I also may be less anxious.
v.29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy, and be holding such ones in honor;
v.30 because on account of the work of Christ he was near even to death, having risked his life in order that he might supply that which was lacking in your service to me.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 2:25-30 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Who does Paul send back to Philippi?

3. What was wrong with Epaphroditus, according to verse 27?

4. How did he get this way, according to verse 30?

5. Do you think God has any work for you to do?

6. What service are you doing for Him now?

7. How should Epaphroditus be treated, according to verse 29?

8. How do you suppose their service was lacking?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Epaphroditus was a brother, a fellow worker, a fellow soldier, an apostle, and a minister. Are these things true of us?

LESSON #2: Epaphroditus was a willing layman, doing what he could for the cause of Christ.

LESSON #3: God knows just how much we can bear.

LESSON #4: Paul is sensitive to the Philippian’s needs in this situation.

LESSON #5: Are you being spent in the service of our Lord?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GOAL NUMBER EIGHT – THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 3:1-14

KEY VERSE 3:8

v. 1 As for the rest, my brethren, be rejoicing in the Lord. To be writing the same things to you is not troublesome to me, but it is [a] safe [course] for you.

v. 2 Watch out for the dogs, watch out for the evil workers, watch out for the mutilation;

v. 3 for, as for us, we are the circumcision, those who by the Spirit of God are rendering sacred service and who are glorying in Christ Jesus and not having confidence in the flesh,

v. 4 although I myself could be having confidence also in the flesh. If anyone else is presuming to have confidence in the flesh, I far more:

v. 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; according to the Law, a Pharisee;

v. 6 according to zeal, persecuting the church; according to righteousness which is in the Law, become blameless.

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v. 7 But whatever things were gain to me, these things I have considered as loss for the sake of Christ.

v. 8 Yes, indeed I am considering all things to be a loss for the sake of the surpassing value of the knowledge (personal acquaintance) of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I forfeited all things, and I am considering them rubbish in order that I might gain Christ,

v. 9 and may be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is of the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, that righteousness which is from God on the basis of faith,

v.10 that I might come to know Him (experientially, personally), and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship (sharing) of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

v.11 if by any means I might attain unto the out-resurrection from the dead.

v.12 Not that I have already laid hold of (it), or already have been brought to spiritual maturity, but I am pressing onward (pursuing) if I may even lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

v.13 Brethren, I am not considering myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing: I am forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forward to what is laying ahead.

v.14 I am pressing onward toward the goal for the prize of the call from above of God in Christ Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 3:1-14 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are we asked to do, according to verse 1?

3. What did Paul consider to be a loss?

4. Why did Paul consider all things to be a loss, according to verse 8?

5. What three things did Paul want to do, according to verse 10?

6. How does Paul describe Christian growth, according to verses 12-14?

7. What one thing does Paul do? (verse 13)

8. Toward what is Paul pressing? (verse 14)

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Constant reminders are good for us.

LESSON #2: There are many perils in the way of our progress.

LESSON #3: Progress in our lives as Christians comes when performance is changed into relationship.

LESSON #4: Everything was set aside in Paul's life for Christ.

LESSON #5: The ultimate goal in the Christian life is that we might know Him by personal experience.

LESSON #6: We will never arrive at the ultimate goal of spiritual maturity.

LESSON #7: If we would make progress, we must forget the past.

LESSON #8: Pressing toward the prize ought to be the picture of our Christian lives.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GOAL NUMBER NINE – THE COMING OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 3:15-21**KEY VERSE 3:20**

v.15 As many therefore as are spiritually mature, let us be of this mind; and if in anything you are thinking differently, God will also reveal this to you;

v.16 only unto that which we attained let us be holding on to the same.

v.17 Become imitators of me, brethren, and be observing those who are walking in this way even as you are having us for an example.

v.18 For many are walking, of whom I was telling you often, but now also I am telling you with tears, they are enemies of the cross of Christ,

v.19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their stomach, and that which they glory in is their shame, who are setting their minds on earthly things.

v.20 For our citizenship (commonwealth) is in heaven, out from which also we are eagerly awaiting the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

v.21 who shall transform the body of our humble state into conformity with His glorious body, according to the power which is enabling Him to put into subjection everything to Himself.

NOTES**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Philippians 3:15-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are we supposed to do, according to verse 16?

3. Who are we supposed to follow, according to verse 17?

4. Can you describe the enemies of the cross of Christ, according to verse 19?

5. Who are we looking for from heaven, according to verse 20?

6. What is He going to do when He comes, according to verse 21?

7. How soon do you think this coming will be?

8. Are you ready for this event?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: “And your ears will hear a word behind you: ‘This is the way; walk in it; whenever you turn to the right or to the left’” (Isaiah 30:21).

LESSON #2: Contentment and acceptance with where we are spiritually is critical for progress.

LESSON #3: We have been challenged to become examples to others in the walk by faith.

LESSON #4: Discipline and self-control characterize the godly lifestyle.

LESSON #5: We shall be transformed instantaneously at His coming.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GOAL NUMBER TEN – THE JOY OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

KEY VERSE 4:4

v. 1 So then, my brethren, loved and longed for, my joy and my crown, so thus be standing firm in the Lord, beloved ones.

v. 2 I am exhorting Euodia and I am exhorting Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

v. 3 Even so, I am requesting also, you true comrade (genuine yokefellow), assist these women who fought at my side with me in the gospel, and with Clement and the rest of my fellow-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

v. 4 Be rejoicing in the Lord always; again I am saying, be rejoicing.

v. 5 Let your sweet reasonableness be known to all men; the Lord is near.

v. 6 Stop worrying about even one thing, but in everything by prayer and petitioning (for personal needs) with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

v. 7 And the peace of God, which is surpassing all comprehension, shall hold in custody your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

v. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of respect (honorable), whatever is righteous, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is appealing (attractive), if there is any virtue and if there is anything worthy of praise, let your mind be dwelling on these things.

v. 9 The things also which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things be practicing; and the God of peace shall be with you.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 4:1-9 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Paul say to do in verse 1?

3. What is the problem the two ladies are having?

4. What does Paul say to do in verse 4?

5. How are we to let our requests be known to God, according to verse 6?

6. What promise is given, according to verse 7?

7. List the things we are to think about, according to verse 8.

8. Evaluate your own thought life.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Paul is concerned about our convictions that we stand firm in the Lord.

LESSON #2: It is the desire of the apostle that we be of one mind in the Lord.

LESSON #3: We demonstrate our love by bearing one another's burdens.

LESSON #4: Our names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life when we receive Christ as Savior.

LESSON #5: Our rejoicing is to be in the Lord.

LESSON #6: Worry is accepting the responsibility that God never intended for us to have.

LESSON #7: Worry is an act of unbelief.

LESSON #8: When we pray, the peace of God will guard our feelings and our thoughts.

LESSON #9: We have studied a mental menu for our thought life.

LESSON #10: Satan's frontal attack is upon our thoughts.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GOAL NUMBER ELEVEN – THE STRENGTH OF CHRIST – PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23**KEY VERSE 4:13**

v.10 But I rejoiced greatly in the Lord, that already once more you made alive your thought for me in which also you were thoughtful, but you were having no opportunity.

v.11 Not that I am speaking because of need, for I have learned in whatever circumstances I am to be content (self-sufficient).

v.12 I am knowing how to discipline myself in lowly circumstances (to be humbled); I am knowing how to be having abundance. In everything and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, and to be having abundance and to be in need.

v.13 I am having strength for all things in the One who is making me strong.

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v.14 Nevertheless, you did well when you shared with me in my affliction.

v.15 But you also are knowing, Philippians, that at the beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, not even one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you only;

v.16 for even in Thessalonica more than once you sent to meet my need.

v.17 Not that I am seeking the gift, but I am seeking the fruit which is accumulating to your account.

v.18 But I am having all things and I am abounding. I have been filled full when I received from Epaphroditus the things from you, a fragrant aroma (pleasing smell), a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God.

v.19 And my God shall fill to the full your every need according to His riches (wealth) in glory in Christ Jesus.

v.20 Now to God even our Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

v.21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren with me are sending greetings to you.

v.22 All the saints are sending greetings to you, but especially those of Caesar's household.

v.23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 4:10-23 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What has Paul learned, according to verse 11?

3. What is involved in learning to be content?

4. Why was Paul ready for anything, according to verse 13?

5. What is Paul's desire, according to verse 17?

6. What does He call their offering in verse 18?

7. What is the promise in verse 19?

8. Can you think of an experience where the Lord supplied your need?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Contentment is learned by experience in trusting the Lord in every circumstance.

LESSON #2: Contentment is a manifestation of our trust in the Lord no matter what happens.

LESSON #3: The task ahead is never greater than the power behind.

LESSON #4: Life can do nothing to us when we are trusting God.

LESSON #5: His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

LESSON #6: God will be a debtor to no man.

LESSON #7: The sacrifices of our bodies, our blessings, and our belongings are a sweet fragrance to our heavenly Father.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
