**GOD'S PROMISE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS**

**The Pursuit of Happyness - Part 8**

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**PHILIPPIANS 4:14-20 (scripture reading)**

**Memory Verse PHILIPPIANS 4: 19**

*"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*

I. THE CONDITION FOR THE PROMISE (vs. 14-18): ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­**I Must Be Generous To Others**

 *"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."*

 Prov. 11:25

 *"Give to others, and God will give to you ... The measure you use for others is the one God* *will use for you."* Luke 6:38 (GN)

**The Value of Generosity**

 1. MY GIVING IS ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­**An Encouragement To Others** (vs. 14-16)

 *"It was good of you to ­share in my troubles ... as you Philippians know, in the early days ... not one church shared with me in the mater of giving and receiving, except you only, for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need."*

Phil. 1:3&5 - "partners in ministry"

2 Cor. 8:1-5 - a great reputation!

 2. MY GIVING IS ­**An Investment In The Future** (vs. 17)

 *"Though I appreciate your gifts, what makes me happiest is the well-earned reward you will have because of your kindness."*  vs. 17 (LB)

 *"... I want to see profit added to your account"*  (GN)

 *"... Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven -- it is the only safe investment for eternity!"*  I Tim. 6:18-19 (LB)

 3. MY GIVING IS **A Sacrifice To God** (vs. 18)

 *"I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, and acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God."*

Matt. 25:40

II. THE PROMISE (vs. 19): **My God Will Supply All Your Needs**

 - The Source: *"And my God will ..."*

 - The Scope: *"... will meet all your needs ... "*

**This doesn't include**

 **The Consequences Of Laziness** (I Thess. 3:10)

 **All Your Wants** (James 4:3)

**It does cover:**

**All Legitimate Needs**

Matt. 6:25-33, I John 5:14-15

 - The Supply: *"according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*

*"Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give whatever he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make ALL grace abound to you, so that in ALL things, at ALL times, having ALL that you need, you will abound in EVERY good work."*  2 Cor. 9:6-8