

Perspectives on Giving & Receiving – Philippians 4:10-23

Paul was grateful for the gift he received from the Philippian church.

Paul knew the secret to being content with plenty or with little.

There is great benefit in giving.

We can trust God with our needs.

Application/Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you as especially interesting, challenging, or confusing in 4:10-23?
2. Have you ever been in “low” humbling circumstances as Paul describes in 4:12?
3. What does Scripture instruct us to be content with? (I Timothy 6:8 & Hebrews 13:5)
4. Why was Paul able to be content even in his “low” circumstances? (Philippians 3:8)
5. Is your relationship with Christ the priority in your pursuit of joy and contentment?
6. Why might contentment and joy be difficult to possess even in times of material abundance?
7. Are you a person who is content in the Lord in all circumstances? Is there a circumstance in which you are tempted to be discontent?
8. According to 4:13 we can walk through difficult times with contentment if we rely on the Lord’s strength. How have you drawn strength from God in difficult times? What helps you to rely on God’s strength in difficulty?
9. What do you think is the “fruit that increases to your credit” that is mentioned in 4:17? What benefits/rewards have you experienced in being generous?
10. In 4:19 Paul describes God’s faithfulness to supply our needs. How does this help you to be a more generous person?