

Philippians 4:14-20

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Partners in the Gospel: We Spiritually Invest Together

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As he wraps up his letter, Paul affirms how their mutual investments in partnering together benefits them all, how their partnering together advances the gospel, how their partnering together promotes the glory of God.

- 1) We invest together as partners.
- 2) We expect spiritual dividends.
- 3) We invest ultimately to God.
- 4) We are confident God is the source of all we need.
- 5) Our hope and prayer is that God gets all the glory for everything.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions:

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What does the text say?

1. What are the big ideas of the book of Philippians?
2. Review chapter 4. How are the ideas of chapter 4 linked?
3. What trouble is Paul referring to in v14?
4. What does “the beginning of the gospel” refer to?
5. Why does Paul return to the idea of partnership?
6. Paul describes this partnership in terms of “giving and receiving.” What was given? What was received?
7. What does Paul mean when he says, “not that I seek the gift”?
8. What is the “fruit that increases to your credit”? Explain.
9. Why does he say, I have received full payment, and more”?
10. Explain what Paul means when he says their gift was “a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God”.
11. In what way does Paul intend to communicate that “God will supply every need”?
12. How would you paraphrase Philippians 4:14-20?

How does it apply?

1. Paul calls the Philippians partners. He could have called them donors, supporters, or friends. What does the word 'partnership' uniquely convey?
2. What does 'partnership in advancing the Gospel' look like today? at RCC?
3. What criteria do you use to determine where you will invest your time, treasure or talents?
4. How does God get glory when we are generous with our time, treasure or talents? How important are our motives in that process?
5. How does our view of God affect how we invest our time, treasure, and talents?
6. How has your view of God changed/shifted/expanded during our time in Philippians?