

Money Given to Missionaries

Philippians 4:15-20

❖ Paul shared five very important truths about their financial gifts given to him as a missionary.

I. The Peculiarity of their Gift (v. 15)

...no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

❖ The peculiarity of their gift was that they were the only ones who gave to Paul financially.

II. The Purpose of their Gift (v. 16)

For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

❖ The purpose of their gift was to meet the necessary needs of the missionary.

III. The Profit of their Gift (v. 17)

The profit of their gift was two-fold:

A. Present blessings (1:7)

ye all are partakers of my grace”

B. Future rewards (4:17)

I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

The fact God keeps an account means:

1. God will remember your sacrifice.
 - Heb. 6:10
 - Acts 10:4,31
2. Your labor for the Lord is not in vain
 - I Cor. 15:58

❖ The profit of their gift was present blessings and future rewards.

IV. The Picture of their Gift (v. 18)

But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you

A. It was a fragrant gift.

“an odour of a sweet smell”

Same word used in Ephesians 5:2 of Christ's sacrifice for us.

B. It is an acceptable gift.

“a sacrifice acceptable”

C. It was a pleasing gift.

“well-pleasing to God”

- ❖ The picture of their gift was a fragrant offering that was acceptable and well-pleasing to God as was the sacrifice of Christ himself.

V. The Promise of their Gift (v. 19)

God will meet all our needs.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

- Matthew 6:31-33
 - II Corinthians 9:7-8
 - Acts 20:35 *remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*
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