



The Sufficiency of CHRIST

Philippians 4:13-23

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Study Section

1. The Compliment for the Contribution.

Philippians 4:14–16, NASB95 - ¹⁴ Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction. ¹⁵ You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left [for] Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; ¹⁶ for even in Thessalonica [the rich church] you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

2. The Commendation about Contribution.

Philippians 4:17–18, NASB95 - ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. ¹⁸ But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

Who ultimately profited more from the gift?

3. The Compensation of the Contribution.

Philippians 4:19, NASB95 - ¹⁹ And my God [the One has sustained me through all things] will [there is no doubt here] supply all your needs [lit., (God will) supply all your needs] according to His riches [this is God we are talking about] in glory [His bank is in Heaven] in [Genitive case—Christ is the source of the ‘supply;’ they are from or found in] Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19, NLT - ¹⁹ And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs [Just FYI, it doesn't say, “He will provide for all of your wants] from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

4. The Christ of the Contribution.

Philippians 4:19–23, NASB95 - ¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ Now to our God and Father be* the glory forever and ever.

Amen. ²¹ Greet every saint in* [*neither word is in the genitive case, but both the dative case—indicating ‘a gift’ we give each other] Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Life Application Section

The Critical Nature of Prayer

Philippians 4:13, NASB95 - ¹³ I can do **all things** through Him who strengthens me.

John 15:5, NASB95 - ⁵ I [Christ says] am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do **nothing**.

How much can be accomplished through supernatural empowering? ALL THINGS! What can be accomplished apart from supernatural empowering in Christ? NOTHING! It is not that we can achieve a limited amount without prayer; We can achieve nothing of eternal significance without the power of God. The height of carnality is to hold to a form of godliness, but to deny the power of it. When we attempt to live out our lives devoid of prayer and time with God, we hold to a form of godliness, but we denied the supernatural power available to us.

- Dr. Ken Himphill, *The Antioch Effect*, p. 63.