

Appreciation: For a Church That Revives Its Sacrificial Giving Philippians 04:10–19

1 *Their giving was received*

10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord
that at last you have renewed your concern for me.
Indeed, you have been concerned,
but you had no opportunity to show it.

2 *Their giving was not necessary,
but it was needed*

11 I am not saying this because I am in need,
for I have learned to be content
whatever the circumstances.

a. Giving is not necessary
because God teaches contentment
apart from circumstances

12 I know what it is to be in need,
and I know what it is to have plenty.
I have learned the secret of being content
in any and every situation,
whether well fed or hungry,
whether living in plenty or in want.

b. Giving is not necessary
because Christ strengthens us
through all

13 I can do everything through him
who gives me strength.

c. Giving is needed —
it is work well done

14 Yet it was good of you
to share in my troubles.

3 *Their giving was distinctive:
They were the only church that gave
and they gave consistently*

15 Moreover, as you Philippians know,
in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel,
when I set out from Macedonia,
not one church shared with me
in the matter of giving and receiving,
except you only;

16 For even when I was in Thessalonica,
you sent me aid again and again
when I was in need.

4 *Their giving was sacrificial
and it was seen and rewarded by God*

17 Not that I am looking for a gift,
but I am looking for
what may be credited to your account.

a. God credited a reward
to their account

18 I have received full payment and even more;
I am amply supplied,
now that I have received from Epaphroditus
the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering,
an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

b. God was well pleased

c. God promised to supply
all their need

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