

# Philippians: To live is Christ.

## Session 16: Blessings of Generosity (Phil. 4:10-20)

**Scriptures**: Phil. 4:10-20; 2 Cor. 8:1-6; Proverbs 11:24, 25; Matthew 6:24; Heb. 11:4.

1. Read Phil. 4:10-20. “It’s not the gift, but the thought that really matters!” Would Paul have agreed with this sentiment? Do you get the sense that Paul might be experiencing some difficulty in thanking the Philippians for their gift?
2. Why was Paul contented? (4:11-13). What are the challenges and lessons in these verses to us today?
3. Read 2 Cor. 8:1-6. What else do we know about the Philippians (Macedonians)? What are our challenges?
4. Have you ever wondered why ‘misery’ and ‘miserable’ are extensions of the word ‘miser’?
5. Read 4:17 (especially in The Message). In which way does generosity bring about blessing?
6. Read Proverbs 11:24-25. In which way is there a connection between generosity and God’s blessing? In which way do those who are miserly in spirit come to poverty?
7. Billy Graham: “If a person gets his attitude to money straight then it helps to straighten out every other issue in his life.” Thoughts?
8. In which way is 4:7 connected to 4:6, and 4:19 to all that comes before this verse? [see the connecting word ‘and’].
9. What helpful advice can you give to others concerning ‘giving to the Lord’s work’?