

Press on in Confidence
Lesson #16
Philippians 4:14-23

HOOK: What do you do when you know someone needs help? Do you ignore him and walk away? Do you make excuses and say, “I don’t feel like helping” or “I’m too busy.” Or, do you say, “You can count on me! I’m happy to help you.”

BOOK: Today we come to the end of Paul’s letter to the Philippians. He tells the believers in Philippi that they have been a big help to him! Paul says that they gave him “gifts.” We’re not told exactly what kind of gifts, but it was probably money, supplies, encouragement and other forms of help so Paul could live and do his ministry. Paul was thankful for what they gave. He told the Philippians that their help not only pleased him, but it greatly pleased God, too. And God is more generous than any of us could ever be. He said, “**And my God will meet all your needs...**”

LOOK: So, let’s pretend you have a 10 dollar bill. You plan to use it to buy a toy you’ve been wanting. Then, you go to church and hear about a family whose house burned down! The family needs help since most of their things were destroyed in the fire. You put your hand in your pocket and feel the 10 dollar bill. You picture the toy you want. But when the offering basket comes around you think about this poor family. You know what you should do, so you drop your 10 dollars in the basket. You smile because it makes you glad to know that your money will be a help to them. The Bible says God is happy when we sacrifice what we have and give to others in need. He loves it when we give cheerfully. This is how the Philippians gave to Paul. This is the kind of giving that pleases God.

TOOK: Think about the people you know who may be in need of something. Does your grandmother need help cleaning her house? Spend some time helping her. Perhaps you know of some missionaries who need money so they can serve God and tell others about Jesus. Will you give some of your money to help meet their needs? God sees how you help others and He will be faithful to meet all of your needs.

Bible Verse: “**And my God will meet all your needs...**” Philippians 4:19

Prayer: “**Thank You, Heavenly Father, for meeting our needs. Help us to be thoughtful and generous and meet the needs of others. Amen.**”

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memory
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parent/child
activity

Ask your child to think about people who may be in need of something. Does Grandma need help cleaning her house? Wouldn't it be a blessing to that homeless person if you gave them some food? Perhaps your family knows of some missionaries who need money so they can serve God and tell others about Jesus. After you and your child identify some needs, put a plan together and take action, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver!



daily prayer

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