

**PRESS ON  
IN CONFIDENCE**

## A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS

### LESSON 16 PHILIPPIANS 4:14-23

1. What did you appreciate the most from last week's study of **Philippians 4:10-13** and why?
  
2. As you read **Philippians 4:14-23**, pray and ask the Lord to give you insights into sharing in other people's troubles (especially those who are in ministry).
  
3. At this point, Paul had traveled many miles and presented the gospel in different cities. Reflect on the conditions and the diverse cultures he may have faced. In your opinion, in **V14**, what troubles could Paul be facing, and why would he be appreciative that they shared in his troubles?
  
4. a) From **V15-16**, it can be inferred that in the early days of Paul's ministry he did not receive much support. Imagine the types of challenges or hardships a new church or ministry might face today when starting out, and list some ways you can take initiative to "share in their troubles" and support them.  
  
b) What was Paul pointing out in **V16**, and why was this significant?
  
5. a) Paul recounted another great story of mutual support in ministry. Pick out some encouraging details as you read **2 Corinthians 7:5-7, 13** and **8:16-17**.  
  
b) Describe when you've seen or experienced something similar.
  
6. Isolate unique ways you could personally participate in the growth of a new or existing church or ministry from:
  - **Romans 12:6-8**
  
  - **Romans 12:10**

- **Romans 12:11-12**

- **Romans 12:13**
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7. a) What was Paul's desire in **Philippians 4:17**, and how would you interpret his statement?

- b) From this verse, it appears the ultimate benefit of giving is not for the receiver, but for the giver. Do you agree or disagree? Explain (if applicable, use other verses to support your explanation).

8. What were the many ways Paul described the gifts he received in **V18**, and which one caught your attention and why?

9. a) In 5 words or less, describe the acceptable sacrifices to our God from each of these verses:

- **Psalm 107:22**
- **Psalm 141:2**
- **Mark 12:41-44**
- **Hebrews 13:15**
- **Hebrews 13:16**

b) To give sacrificially in any of these areas, what struggles do you have?

10. The following verses take "acceptable sacrifices" to a deeper heart level. Meditate on each of them, and personalize specifically their spiritual and practical impact for you:

- **Psalm 51:17**
- **Romans 12:1**

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11. a) In the context of how the Philippians had given so much to Paul financially, how would **V19** be a sweet promise to them? And how would it be to you?
- b) Looking back at your journey with God, describe where He has met your needs?
12. What do you appreciate in any of Paul's final words to the Philippian church in **V20-23**?
13. What is the one thing you really needed from this Lesson to help you continue to press on in confidence? Be specific.
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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Paul affirmed the Philippians, especially in the areas of giving. What are the reasons for giving in:
- **1 Chronicles 29:14**
  - **Acts 20:35**
  - **2 Corinthians 9:11-12**
2. From these verses, what should be our attitude in giving?
- **Matthew 6:2-4**
  - **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**
3. Thinking deeper: What is convicting in the following passages, and how could this change your way of giving?
- **1 Timothy 5:4, 8**
  - **1 Timothy 6:17-19**
4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Philippians 4:19**
- b) Form a prayer asking God to show where He wants you to implement anything you have learned in this Lesson.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**