

Different Voices

Lesson 21

Philippians 4:1-9, 4:10-23

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<p>Philippians 4:1-9, 4:10-23</p> <p>Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity</p> <p>4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!</p> <p>² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.</p> <p>Final Exhortations</p> <p>⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.</p>	<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-top: 20px;"> Application What does it mean to me? </div>	
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<p>Philippians 4:10-23</p> <p>Thanks for Their Gifts</p> <p>¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the 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. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.</p> <p>¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 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 more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. 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. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.</p> <p>Final Greetings</p> <p>²¹ Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. ²² All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.</p> <p>²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.^[a]</p>	Empty space for observations	Empty space for interpretation & questions
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<p>Footnotes:</p> <p>a. Philippians 4:23 Some manuscripts do not have <i>Amen</i>.</p>		
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Reflections

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Thankfulness

Scriptures:

Psalm 100:1-5

James 1:17-18

Question:

Make a list of the gifts you have received in your life and specifically this year in Lamplighters. Thank God, and then share your list so that others can rejoice with you.

