

Philippians 4:10-4:23 – The Mind of Christ Regarding Giving

In thinking about these verses of Philippians, remember that Paul has the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16), the same mind that we are to have (2:5). These verses reveal the attitude toward giving which the mind of Christ produced in Paul. Think about how having the mind of Christ can improve our own attitudes.

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1) From Acts 16-17, where did Paul go from Philippi? According to Philippians 4, what did they do for him there? What had they done for Paul in Rome?

2) What does it mean to be content? How does contentment relate to happiness? How does it relate to joy and peace? What is the opposite of contentment?

3) What opposite extremes had Paul experienced? What was his attitude in whatever state he was? How did Paul have the strength to do this?

4) How did God view the gifts they sent to Paul? What reward did Paul say they could expect?

5) What pleased Paul most about the gifts from the Philippians? What encouragement can we receive from this? To whom did Paul say glory should be given?

6) Who might be included in the term, "Caesar's household?" What might explain their conversion? What difficulties do you think they would face?

Overview

7) List some things in which Paul said he was glad or rejoiced or would rejoice in the future, or said the Philippians rejoiced, should rejoice, or would rejoice in. What can we learn about joy from this book?

8) What have we learned from this book about having the mind of Christ, or being a disciple of Christ? What lessons did you find most personally valuable from this study?