

## THE BENEFITS OF WHEN OTHERS MINISTER TO YOU

(Philippians 4:14-17)

### I. CONFLICT IN THE LOCAL CHURCH (4:1-3)

### II. THE PREREQUISITES OF INNER PEACE (4:4-7)

### III. WITH THE BETTER CHOICE COMES A PEACE OF MIND (4:8-9)

### IV. PEACE WITH REGARDS TO DAILY NEEDS (4:10-13)

### V. THE APOSTLE'S EVALUATION OF THE FINANCIAL GIFT (4:14-17)

#### A. Paul rejoiced over the Philippians' PRESENT gift (4:14)

1. Because the apostle had just announced that he could get by on little or much, there was the real \_\_\_\_\_ that the Philippians would be \_\_\_\_\_, and so he quickly included the transitional conjunction, "*nevertheless*."
2. In the Greek the phrase, "*you have done well*" is equivalent to our modern day, "*you have done a \_\_\_\_\_ thing for me.*"
3. What tugged at Paul's heart the most was that the Philippians were willing to \_\_\_\_\_, participate or \_\_\_\_\_ in his distress (*thlipsis*).

#### B. Paul rejoiced over the Philippians' PAST gifts (4:15-16)

1. The phrase, "*in the beginning of the gospel*" would refer to Paul's Second Missionary journey when Philippi became the \_\_\_\_\_ church planted in \_\_\_\_\_. (4:15a)
2. When Paul "*departed from Macedonia*" he went into Achaia to the Greek cities of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; but yet \_\_\_\_\_ of the other churches supported him except the church in Philippi. (4:15b)

3. The apostle was only in the city of Thessalonica for about a \_\_\_\_\_ or so before he was chased out by the Jews, but in that time the Philippians ministered to his needs at least \_\_\_\_\_, “*once and again.*” (4:16)

\* How was the Philippians’ generosity used by Paul to motivate the Corinthian believers in this area of giving? (2 Cor. 8 & 9)

### **C. Paul rejoiced over the Philippians’ FUTURE REWARD (4:17)**

1. “*Not that I seek the gift*” seems an attempt to once again \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ from the allegations that he was in ministry for the money.
2. The apostle of grace stressed that his appreciation was more in the \_\_\_\_\_ than the \_\_\_\_\_ itself.
3. Being used by the Lord to meet real heartfelt needs certainly has its blessings to both parties involved, obviously for the \_\_\_\_\_, but also for the one who \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 20:35)
4. Paul used the language of the money markets of his day; he was seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ that would accumulate to the Philippians’ spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord.

\* How can you apply this truth today?