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Philippians 4:19 (NLT) - *And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:10–19 (NLT) - *How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have.*

I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.

At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Learning #1 - Joy does not come from having more, making more, and keeping more.

Philippians 4:11-13 (NLT) - *Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

Learning #2: Giving leads to experiencing joy.

Philippians 4:15-16 (NLT) - *As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.*

Proverbs 11:24-25 (ESV) - *One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (ESV) - *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Proverbs 11:17 (NLT) - *Your kindness will reward you...*

Learning #3: Generosity gives more than just our money. Generosity gives our hearts to God.

Psalms 50:9-10 (NLT) - *But I do not need the bulls from your barns or the goats from your pens. For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills.*

Luke 16:13 (NLT) - *No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.*

Matthew 6:21 (NLT) - *Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.*

John 3:16 (NLT) - *For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*