

# THE BLESSINGS OF MISSIONS GIVING

MISSIONS SUNDAY, March 1, 2026 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

## PHILIPPIANS 4:14-23

English Standard Version (ESV)

**14** Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. **15** And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in **giving and receiving**, except you only. **16** Even in Thessalonica **you sent me help** for my needs once and again. **17** Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. **18** I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. **19** And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. **20** To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**21** Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. **22** All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

**23** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**Paul was a scholar, pastor, theologian, but mainly a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- The church at Philippi was the first \_\_\_\_\_ he planted in Europe.
- He had a wonderful experience with them there (Lydia).
- They supported his missionary journeys for years after he left.
- Now he was in prison in Rome. But they were not ashamed of him.
- They continued to send him \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to help him.

**The LETTER to the PHILIPPIANS:**

- It contains MANY loved passages.
- It is often called the 'Letter of \_\_\_\_\_'
- They had much \_\_\_\_\_ and economic hardship.
- Yet they were passionate about \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH WAS A \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH!**

They supported missions in \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Corinthians 11:7-9

They supported missions in Thessalonica. Philippians 4:16,18

They supported missions in \_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 2:25-30; 4:18

**1. MISSIONS GIVING BLESSES THE \_\_\_\_\_ . vs 10, 14 & 18**

**10** *I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.*

**14** *Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.*

- When you give to missions, you step into the \_\_\_\_\_ with the missionary.
- Your gift may never preach a sermon — but it \_\_\_\_\_ the one who does.
- Missions giving is how a church refuses to abandon those on the \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. MISSIONS GIVING BLESSES THE \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 19**

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

**ACTS 20:35** Paul speaks to the elders at Ephesus.

*...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

- God is no man's \_\_\_\_\_. He doesn't owe anyone anything.
- When His people invest in His mission, He promises not luxury — but sufficiency. Not indulgence — but provision. Not earthly riches — but riches "in glory in Christ Jesus."
- The safest place to put your resources is in the hands of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- You never impoverish yourself by giving to what fills the heart of God; He knows how to \_\_\_\_\_ for your needs and \_\_\_\_\_ your sacrifice.

**3. MISSIONS GIVING BLESSES THOSE \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 17, 21-22**

*Not that I seek the gift, but I seek **the fruit** that increases to your credit.*

**vs. 21-22**

*Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. **22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.***

- The Philippians gave coins in Macedonia — and pagans were becoming Christians in Caesar's palace. Most Philippians probably never saw Rome. But heaven did. Missions giving turns earthly \_\_\_\_\_ into eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
- One day in glory, someone may walk up to you and say, "**You don't know me — but you** \_\_\_\_\_. **And because you gave, I** \_\_\_\_\_."

#### 4. MISSIONS GIVING BLESSES \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 18

*I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.*

- When you give to missions, you are not merely funding a trip — you are offering.  
God receives it as a fragrant offering. (See Leviticus 1:3-9)  
Missions giving rises beyond budgets and becomes doxology.  
It is money turned into worship.
- The highest blessing of missions giving is this —  
God.

#### SUMMARY – RECAP:

- Missions giving blesses the **MISSIONARY**.
- Missions giving blesses the **GIVER**.
- Missions giving blesses **THOSE WITHOUT CHRIST**.
- Missions giving blesses **our missionary GOD**.

Our **MISSIONS SUNDAY PICNIC and AUCTION** –  
this is not mere fundraising.

But rather...

This is fellowship and \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel.

This is worship.

This is eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

The Philippian church was **not** \_\_\_\_\_.

They were persecuted.

They were pressured.

But they were \_\_\_\_\_ about sending the gospel forward.

May it be said of us —

**Sheridan Hills Baptist Church is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ church.**