

A Thank You note that went viral.

Phil. 4:10-20

Emotional Wholeness through Spiritual Fullness because of Christ-Centredness

Do not get caught coasting on your position in Christ; your position is to ignite a passion to practice the presence of Jesus so you can experience all the benefits of the power of Jesus.

1. *Whatever the circumstances, lean into the benefits the strength of Jesus provides (4:12-13).*

In whatever Christ permits life to deal you, he promises the power, through his presence, to sustain you (*"this" NIV 2011*)

2. *Get loosened from dependence on yours' and others' possessions, so you can finally feel free to make ALL of your assets available for Christ's mission (4:19).*

Will you be amply supplied?

What do you need to know about wealth management as a citizen of heaven?

- *Vested concern about the mission and its messengers shows in practical ways (10-11).*
"The accomplishment of God's purposes does not depend on human help...however, when we give, we confirm that God is at work in us for the ultimate purpose of salvation." (Thielman)
- *In the matter of giving and receiving, the gospel is not for sale; it is free, but the mission of the gospel costs money. (15-16)*
- *Sharing in the input means sharing in the output—you get to pad your heavenly credit rating using God's resources to boot! (17)*
- *Lots of layers of accountability prevent abuses or appearance of abuse (cf. 2 Cor. 8:20-21).*
- *Your offering, your sacrifice is your thank you note to God for his investment in you (18).*
- *If you take care of God's business, he takes care of yours—"according to" (19).*

Final thoughts on guarding yourself against the rot of the affluent west...

- Detach your LIVING from your money.
- Refuse to need it for contentment.
- Refuse to keep it from the mission of the gospel.