

## THE JOY OF GIVING

### Philippians 4:13-23

#### INTRODUCTION:

Our theme for the book of Philippians has been joy, which is mentioned eighteen times in the book, either as joy or rejoicing. This is joy that is not the same as happiness, a joy based on happenstance. This is a joy that is rooted in theology, what we know and believe about God.

There are a number of themes that we have covered under the themes of the major sections of this book – all related to the idea of joy.

- Paul's view of \_\_\_\_\_ formed the basis for his optimism and joy. (1:21)
- Paul exhorted the church to practice \_\_\_\_\_. (2:5)
- Paul warned the church to beware of \_\_\_\_\_ teaching. (3:14)
- Paul thanked the church for their generous \_\_\_\_\_. (4:13)

When you come to the end of the book, Paul changes his focus on contentment and now turns his attention to giving. These verses teach us that we should practice sacrificial giving for the sake of the kingdom and see how the Lord bears in fruit in our lives.

#### **THEREFORE, WE MUST DISCOVER THE JOY OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING.**

#### *How?*

##### **I. THE NATURE OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING (v. 18)**

- Sacrificial giving is done in order to meet \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom. (v. 16)
- Sacrificial giving is an \_\_\_\_\_ investment. (v. 17)
- Sacrificial giving is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord. (v. 18)

##### **II. THE REWARD FOR SACRIFICIAL GIVING (v. 19)**

#### *THERE ARE THREE KINDS OF RICHES MENTIONED IN THE WORD OF GOD.*

- Riches of his \_\_\_\_\_
- Riches of his \_\_\_\_\_
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##### **III. THE POWER FOR SACRIFICIAL GIVING (v. 13)**

- Joy comes from learning that you are sustained by \_\_\_\_\_ power.
- We are not self-sufficient, we are \_\_\_\_\_.