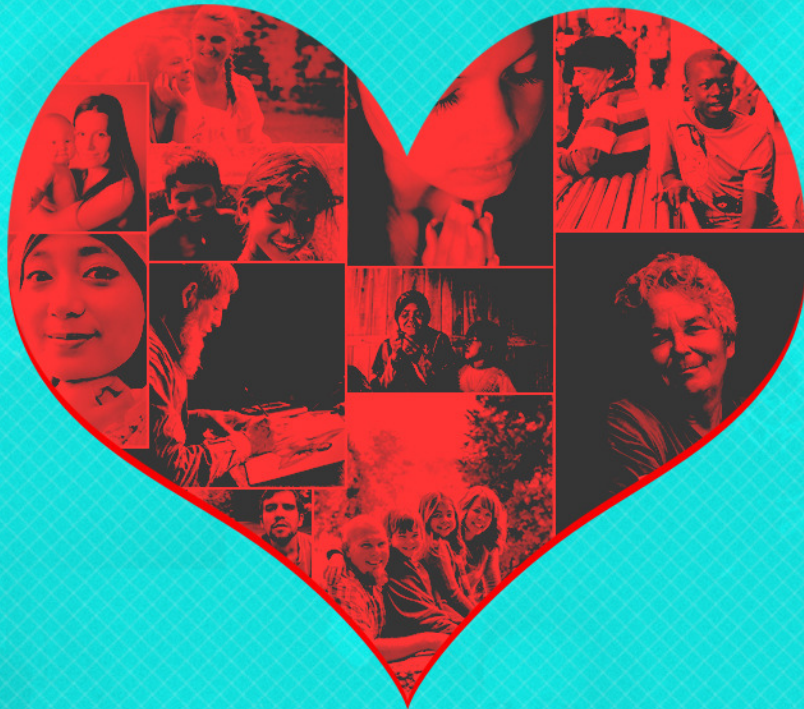


# Philippi - A Church With A Heart For Missions



Phil. 4:15-19

Philippians 4:15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



I. The Philippian church was a mission hearted church.

A. They supported missions financially.

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B. They sent men from their own church to help on the mission field.

II Cor 11:9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all *things* I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep *myself*.

C. They truly cared for the missionary.

Phil 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.



Philippians 4:18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

II. The Philippian church was a generous church.

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A. The church at Philippi was not a rich church.

11 Cor 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they werewilling* of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.



B. The church at Philippi influenced other churches to give to missions.

II Cor 11:8 I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them*, to do you service.

III. The Philippian church was a privileged church.

A. They financially supported the Apostle Paul's ministry.

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B. They had fruit that was abounding to their account.

Philippians 4:17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

IV. The Philippian church was a faithful church.

A. In their fellowship.

Philippians 1:5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;





B. In their care and love.

Philippians 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

C. In their giving financially to missions.

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V. The Philippian church was a rewarded church.

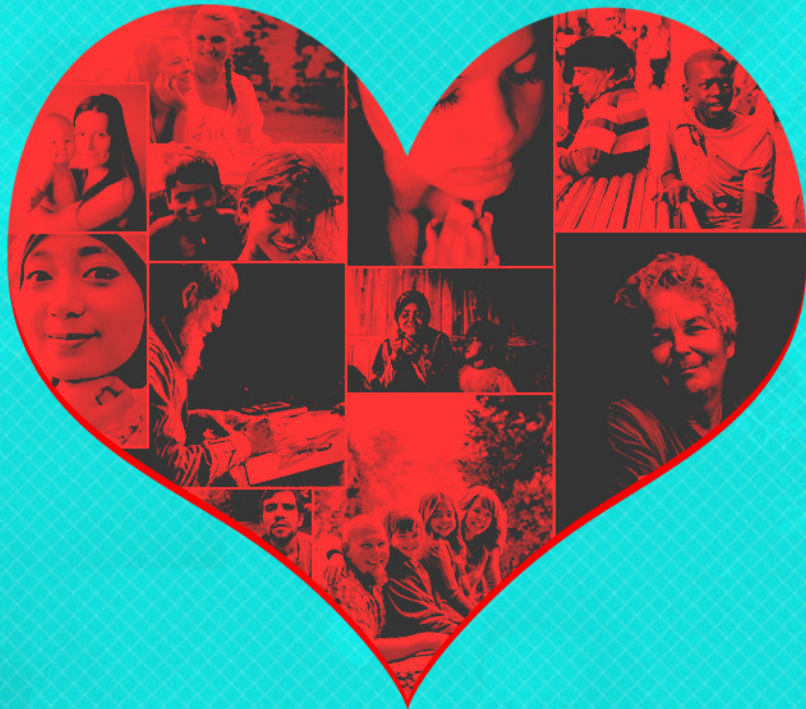
A. Much fruit in their account.

Philippians 4:17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

B. God promised to provide for their needs.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.





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— MATTHEW 22:37-39 —