

CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST

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Message Title: Conquerors in our Stewardship

Message Text: Philippians 4:10-20

Introduction:

God used the church of Philippi to meet the needs of the saints as well as the furtherance of the Gospel. In the second letter to the Corinthians, the Philippians along with the other churches in their region had given sacrificially to help the believers in Judea that were facing extreme persecution. In the epistle to the Philippians, Paul emphasizes that they had fellowship with him in the Gospel from the first day that they had received Christ. Their hearts were *involved* completely, and so their finances were invested *generously*. They gave not just once to the Gospel ministry of Paul, but gave a second time. Their first gift enabled Paul to set aside bi-vocational ministry and minister full-time in Corinth. Many times concern, worry, anxiety over finances becomes an obstacle from us fully obeying the will and Word of Christ. Let's learn from the Philippians to be conquerors in our stewardship through Christ.

1. They Faced _____ (2 Corinthians 8:1-6)

A. Great _____ (8:2)

2 Corinthians 8:2a How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy...

NOTE: Their affliction was as a result of their acceptance and commitment to the Gospel.

Philippians 1:28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

GREAT TRIAL — persecution (perhaps boycotting)

NOTE: Their affliction did not hinder their _____.

B. Deep _____ (8:2)

2 Corinthians 8:2b ...and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

DEFINITION—DEEP: extremity

DEFINITION—ABOUNDED: to abound beyond

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RICHES OF LIBERALITY — *they were rich in generosity*

NOTE: They had this same spirit and attitude 4 years later (Philippians 4:15).

QUOTE: Man's extremity is God's opportunity. —J.B. Phillips

QUOTE: While their material welfare apparently deteriorated, their spiritual well-being increased commensurately. —Lowery

See Luke 21:1-4

2. They _____ Themselves (Philippians 4:10-17)

A. They Gave Themselves to _____ (2 Corinthians 8:5)

2 Corinthians 8:5 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.

DEFINITION—GAVE: to commit; to dedicate or trust entirely to a specific person or activity or cause.

Mark 8:34-35 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

B. They Gave to Paul's _____ (Philippians 4:10-15)

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.

DEFINITION—CARE: to regard; to think much of; to set one's mind on

DEFINITION—HATH FLOURISHED: to revive; blossom again

PAULS ATTITUDE OF MONEY (4:11-13)

He was _____ in Every Circumstance (11)

He was _____ to Crisis (12)

He was _____ in Christ (13)

Philippians 4:14-15 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. 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.

DEFINITION—COMMUNICATE: to participate together

Matthew 6:33-34 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

C. They Gave as _____ in the Gospel (Philippians 4:16-18)

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

DEFINITION—FELLOWSHIP: partnership

Philippians 4:16-18 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.

THEIR PARTNERSHIP

Was _____ — *once and again*

Was _____ — *unto my necessity; not because I desire a gift*

Was a _____ — *a gift*

Was _____ — *I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you*

Was _____ — *acceptable, well-pleasing to God*

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Give yourself and what you have in partnership for the Gospel.

3. They Received _____ (18-20)

A. The _____ of God (19)

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

Psalms 147:4-5 He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite.

DEFINITION—SUPPLY: fill up; to satisfy fully

Psalms 107:9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, And filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Malachi 3:8-10 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, Even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be meat in mine house, And prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, If I will not open you the

windows of heaven, And pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Psalms 50:10 For every beast of the forest is mine And the cattle upon a thousand hills.

Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things

QUOTE: The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord. —J. L. Kraft

B. The Achievement of _____ (20)

Philippians 4:20 Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

QUOTE: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him for ever.
—Westminster Catechism

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Romans 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Conclusion

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

CONQUERORS CHALLENGE: You can experience the triumph of Christ in your stewardship like the Philippians. *Choose* to trust and obey God no matter how it looks financially, knowing that He will supply your every need.

Our Goal for 2022

To radically increase our understanding and experience of conquering through Christ over sin and every obstacle that hinders us from obeying the Word and will of Jesus Christ.



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