

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Philippians Bible Study

Philippians 4:17-23

Lesson #11

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Philippians before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek **the FRUIT that abounds to your ACCOUNT.**

•**Romans 7:4** “Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the _____ of _____, that you may be married to another, even to _____ who was _____ from the _____, that we should bear _____ to God.”

•**John 15:4-5 & 8** “Abide (stay close) in _____, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear _____ of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless _____ abide in _____. I am the _____, you are the branches. He who _____ in Me, and I in him, _____ much _____; for without Me you can do _____.” (Verse 8) “By this is My Father glorified, that _____ bear much _____; so you will [prove to] be My disciples.”

•**Romans 6:20-21** “For when you were _____ of _____, you were free in regard to righteousness. What _____ did you have then in the things of which you are now _____? For the _____ of those things is _____.”

Definition: “BEAR FRUIT to GOD” — In this context “fruit” means product, RESULTS, outcome. The OUTCOME of our lives should be to DO what God WANTS US to DO.

•**Colossians 1:10** “That you may have a walk _____ of the _____, fully _____ Him, being _____ in every _____ and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Definition: “I seek the FRUIT that abounds to your ACCOUNT” – This ACCOUNT that Paul is speaking of is the same thing that Jesus was talking about when He told us to “Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven”, and it refers to the rewards that we will get in heaven if we have been FAITHFUL in serving the Lord during our life here on earth. Doing “good works” such as what the Philippians did for Paul in supporting his ministry, is like **putting money in your BANK ACCOUNT in heaven.** After our resurrection, we as Believers in Christ must appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, in order to be judged on our works. This judgment for Believers, however, is **ONLY to see whether we will receive REWARDS or not. Remember, the Believer’s judgment for SIN has already fallen on Jesus Christ,** Jesus has already taken our punishment, and we will not have to suffer the wrath of God (see II Cor. 5:18-21, I Thess. 5:9, I Thess. 1:10, and Isaiah 53:5-6 & 10-12).

•**II Corinthians 5:10** “For we must _____ appear before the _____ seat of _____, that each one may receive [rewards or judgment for] the _____ in the _____, according to what he has _____, whether _____ or _____.”

•**Romans 14:10-12** “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall _____ stand before the _____ of _____. For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’ So then each of us shall give _____ of _____ to God.”

• **Matthew 6:19-21** “Do _____ lay up for yourselves _____ on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but _____ up for _____ treasures in _____, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For _____ your _____ is, there your _____ will be also.”

• **I Corinthians 3:11 & 14-15** “For no other _____ can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is _____.” (Verses 14-15) “If anyone’s _____ which he has _____ on it (*on the foundation of Christ*) endures, he will _____ a _____. If anyone’s _____ is burned, he will suffer _____; but he _____ will be _____, yet so as through fire.”

Definition: “He HIMSELF will be SAVED, yet so as through FIRE” – This means that even if a person receives little or no rewards in heaven, they will still be SAVED because of their FAITH in Jesus Christ. We can’t BUY or EARN our salvation in the first place, it is a gift from God. The REWARDS are just something EXTRA that we can receive for the good works we have done AFTER getting saved.

• **Ephesians 2:8-10** “For by _____ you have been saved through _____, and that _____ of _____, it is the _____ of _____; _____ of _____, lest anyone should boast. For we are _____ workmanship (PRODUCT), created in Christ Jesus for [*the purpose of*] good _____, which God _____ that _____ should walk in them.”

18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, **a sweet-smelling AROMA, an acceptable SACRIFICE, well PLEASING to God.**”

• **Exodus 29:18** “And you shall _____ the whole _____ on the _____. It is a _____ offering to the _____; it is a _____ aroma, an offering made by _____ to the _____.”

Definition: “A sweet-smelling AROMA, an acceptable SACRIFICE” – Have you ever smelled a neighbor’s barbeque, as the delicious smell and aroma of steaks or hamburgers on the grill floated through your window? Yes, that is a sweet-smelling aroma, but is that what God is really concerned with? No, it was the OBEDIENCE of His people in MAKING the sacrifices that pleased God. All of the Old Testament sacrifices were SYMBOLIC of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, and He is their fulfillment (Colossians 2:16-17, Hebrews 9:1-14). When God was pleased with the Israelites’ sacrifices, He would say it was a “sweet-smelling aroma.” For us, as Believers under the New Covenant, the sacrifices that please God are the SACRIFICES of our PRAISE and our obedience.

• **Ephesians 5:1-2** “Therefore be followers of God as dear children. And _____ in _____, as _____ also has loved us and _____ Himself for us, an _____ and a _____ to God for a sweet-smelling _____.”

• **Hebrews 13:15-16** “Therefore by Him (Jesus Christ) let us continually _____ the _____ of _____ to _____, that is the _____ of our _____, giving _____ to His name. But do not forget to do _____ and to _____, for with such _____ God is well _____.”

19 “And my God shall SUPPLY all your NEED according to His RICHES in glory BY Christ Jesus.”

• **Psalms 23:1-2** “The _____ is my _____; I shall _____ want (lack, be in need). He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

• **Romans 8:32** “He who did not _____ His own _____, but delivered

Him up for us all, how shall He not with _____ also _____ us _____ things?"

• **Romans 5:10** "For if when we were _____ we were reconciled to God _____ the _____ of His _____, much _____, having been _____, we shall be saved (KEPT SAFE) by His _____."

• **I Corinthians 3:21-23** "Therefore let no one glory in men. For _____ are yours; whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas (Peter), or the world or life or death, or _____ present or _____ to come — _____ are yours. And _____ are _____, and Christ is _____."

• **Psalms 145:18-19** "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in _____. He will _____ the _____ of those who fear (reverence, obey) Him; He also will hear their cry and _____ them."

• **Matthew 6:33** "But _____ first (make it your priority) the _____ of God, and His righteousness, and _____ these _____ shall be added to you."

Definition: "God shall SUPPLY all your NEED" – This promise was to the Philippian church, because they had given an offering to help supply Paul's needs, so Paul says **God will REPAY them by supplying all their needs.** We can apply this promise to ourselves, but only for **God providing what we really NEED.** It is NOT a promise for God allowing His people to become **RICH by worldly standards,** because He knows RICHES may be too much of a temptation to someone. God's word says that the love of money causes all kinds of evil, even causing some Believers to go astray from their faith in Jesus Christ. God's ultimate purpose for our lives is not just to make us comfortable, but **to conform us to the image of His Son Jesus Christ.** If God knows that you will develop the character qualities of Jesus better in poverty or in "just having enough", He will keep you in that situation, at least for a while. There are a few of His children that God can trust with great riches, knowing that they will use it for His kingdom, and not for selfish reasons. **More often, God knows that great wealth would be destructive in our lives, and so He gives us only as much as we NEED.** He is more concerned with spiritual riches.

• **I Timothy 6:6-10** "But godliness with _____ is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be content with that. But those who _____ to be _____ fall into _____ and a _____, and into many _____ and _____ lusts, which drown men in _____ and perdition. For the _____ of _____ is the root of all _____; which while some _____ after, they have gone _____ from the _____, and pierced _____ through with _____."

• **I Timothy 6:17-19** "Command those who are _____ in this present _____ not to be haughty (proud), _____ to _____ in uncertain _____ but in the living _____, who gives us richly _____ things to enjoy. Let them do _____, that they be _____ in _____, ready to _____, willing to _____, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

• **II Peter 1:3-4** "According as His divine power has _____ to us _____ that pertain to _____ and _____, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue: whereby are _____ to us exceeding great and precious _____ (in God's word): that by these you might be _____ of the _____ nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Definition: "WITH HIM also FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS" — What does ALL THINGS mean? Does it mean any silly, selfish wish you might come up with out of your sinful nature and corrupted mind? NO!!! God promises to GIVE US ALL THINGS that WE NEED, and even the DESIRES of our heart, if they are godly desires, and if we are COMPLETELY SOLD OUT to serving Him.

•Psalm 37:4-5 "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall _____ you the _____ of your _____. Commit your way (LIFE) to the Lord, _____ also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass (make it happen)."

•Psalm 84:11 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will _____ grace and glory: _____ GOOD _____ will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

•II Peter 1:3-4 "As His divine _____ has _____ to _____ ALL _____ that pertain to _____ and _____, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been _____ to _____ exceeding great and precious promises, that through these _____ may be _____ of the _____ nature (TO BE LIKE JESUS), having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

•Ephesians 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has _____ us with every (ALL) spiritual _____ in heavenly places _____ Christ."

20 Now to our God and Father be GLORY forever and ever. Amen.

•Matthew 6:13 "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the _____ and the _____ and the _____ _____ Amen."

•I Chronicles 29:11-13 "Yours, O _____, is the _____ and the _____ and the _____, the victory and the _____; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the _____, O Lord, and You are _____ as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You _____ over _____. In Your hand is _____ and _____; in Your hand is to make great and to give _____ to all. Now, therefore, our _____, we thank You and _____ Your _____ name."

21-23 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. **The brethren who are with me greet you.** All the saints greet you, but **especially those who are of Caesar's household.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

•Colossians 4:18 "This salutation by my own hand - Paul. Remember my chains. _____ be with _____. Amen."

•Titus 3:15 "_____ who are with _____ you. Greet those who love us in the faith. _____ be with _____ all. Amen."

•Hebrews 13:25 "_____ be with _____ all. Amen."

Definition: "Especially those who are of CAESAR'S HOUSEHOLD" - These are Christian's who are either servants, soldiers or family members in the household of Caesar, the emperor in Rome. The gospel of Jesus Christ had already made its way into even the very heart of Rome. When Paul was chained to a Roman soldier during his imprisonment, he most likely witnessed to and led many of them to Christ, and they in turn witnessed to family members and others, and the gospel spread throughout Rome.