

***Sermon Scripture Passage: Philippians 4:10-23***

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**Scripture References:**

***Paul and Silas depart Philippi and go to Thessalonica***

**Acts 16:40 – 17:1-4** – 40 So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed. Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” 4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

**Matthew 6:19-24** – “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[e] destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

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Philippians #9 – Philippians 4:10-23 – Contentment

*When in your life were you the poorest – when were you the most at peace?*

Philippians 4:10-23 - Paul expresses thanks for their past and recent \_\_\_\_\_ support

*What leads Christian believers and churches to send money to support so many things?*

4:14-16 We give to see the message of the gospel \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

4:17-18 We give from a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ others and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

*Can you name a few of the missionaries or groups EGCC supports?*

4:19-20 We give as an act of faith, trusting that God will \_\_\_\_\_ for our needs.

*How does worry and anxiety affect our personal giving?*

4:21-23 We give because though we are different congregations we are of one \_\_\_\_\_.

4:11-12 We give because our contentment is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ not the things of this world.

*What do you think is the secret that Paul has learned?*

Matt 6:19-24 – Jesus gives three reasons to seek contentment in God rather than possessions.

Three Applications:

Spiritual Discipline of \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Self - \_\_\_\_\_

In Worship Offer Him \_\_\_\_\_

Answers for the blanks:

- Financial
- Advance
- Honor God bless others and glorify Christ
- Provide
- Church
- Found
- Giving/Tithing
- Denial
- Ownership – All that We Have