

CFT BRISTOL CHURCH

“BOOK BY BOOK” BIBLE STUDY NOTES

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GIVING & RECEIVING

A Study of Philipians 4:14-20

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Giving & Receiving (Philippians 4v14-20)

Philippians 4v14-20 (NIV)

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen

Notes:

[1] The Apostle Paul mentions that they “Shared” his troubles. They were concerned for him. It wasn’t just a formal/arms-lent relationship.

- James 2:15-16

[2] He mentioned that one thing distinguished them from other churches (local assembly of believers). They showed their concern and care for him by giving him financial gifts. The Apostle always highlighted the qualities of different churches to be emulated.

- Romans 1:8

[3] They gave to him continuously, as needed. It wasn’t just a one-off emotional gesture. They gave as often as it was needed.

- Hebrews 13:5

[4] It wasn’t really the gift that touched the Apostle. It was their concern for him. Often, ministers are left uncared for because everyone thinks they are fine.

- Romans 12:10

[5] Their gift as a token of their concern was also very touching to God.

- Matthew 25:40

[6] He prayed that God would also help them when they were in time of need. God often prompts us to give to people (and vice versa).

- Matthew 6:25-26, 33

[7] Our motivation for giving should be our love for God, our father who demonstrated the ultimate expression of giving to us by giving us Jesus.

- John 3:16