



The Joy of Supporting God's Work: Philippians 4:10–20

Week 6 in our series *Joyful Life with Jesus*

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What was prison like during the first century?

- ✿ Prison was a temporary stop before trial or punishment
- ✿ Essentials like food and clothing were expected to come from the prisoner's social network
- ✿ Two-tier system: citizen (Paul) and non-citizen (how Paul is treated)



What joys come from giving to God's work?

- ✿ We bring joy to those who _____ (v 14)
- ✿ Financial gifts become _____ (v 17)
- ✿ Our giving _____ (v 18)
- ✿ God _____ for those who use their money for Him (v 19)



- Don't give money out of obligation—do it for joy!
- Give financially to those who bless you spiritually

Remember!

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The Daily Connections (Good Morning God, Spiritual Boost, Good Night Review) open our lives to God's love and direction and power.

Good Morning God should be the first thing we do every day when waking up. The *Spiritual Boost* connects us with God's words in the Bible during the day sometime when we have 10 minutes of quiet. Finally, we finish our day with *Good Night Review*, and this allows God's joy and forgiveness to come to us as we drift into sleep.

These three spiritual exercises take only 20 minutes each day, and you will be amazed at how they affect your life. Give it a try and see how you are fundamentally changed by time with God!

Here are suggested readings in the Bible for your **Spiritual Boosts** this week:

Day 1: Read Philippians 4:1-3

- ✳ What can be done when two people in our church family are at odds?

Day 2: Read Philippians 4:4-9

- ✳ Does worry often lead you to prayer like Pastor Paul suggests?

Day 3: Read Philippians 4:10-14

- ✳ This famous verse (v 13) is about finding strength in difficult circumstances. If you need this strength, ask God for it!

Day 4: Read Philippians 4:15-20

- ✳ How can you support those who are helping you grow spiritually?

Day 5: Read Philippians 4:21-23

- ✳ How does it feel to be a follower of Jesus who is called a "holy person"?