

Joy
Part 7 - The Joy of God's Provision

Philippians 4:4
"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Read: Philippians 4:15-19

One of the great all-encompassing promises in the Bible comes from Philippians 4:19 - the joy of God's provision. We all struggle with needs; the great news is God shall supply! Understanding this verse in context is vital in order to tap into this promise. The premise to this promise is that the church of Philippi was an enthusiastic giver. Paul notes three things about the Philippian's giving:

1. They were generous givers - 2 Corinthians 8:4
2. Their giving was an investment in eternity - Philippians 4:17
3. Your giving delights God - Philippians 4:18

Reflect: Why do you think there is a premise to this promise? Are there any ways you can increase your giving?

The premise is that they were givers. Now let's break down the promise of Philippians 4:19.

1. My God

We can know Him personally. He is not a distant force or "the big man upstairs," He is our Father.

2. Shall Supply

There is confidence in this promise when the premise is fulfilled. You must first be a giver, willing to work, with the right heart. Faith and giving go hand in hand; when you give, expect a harvest!

Read: Malachi 3:10

3. All Your Needs

God meets every need - relational, emotional, financial, physical, spiritual. Plant a seed into your need and reap the harvest.

4. According to His Riches in Glory

God does not lack resources and is abundantly generous.

Read: 3 John 2, John 10:10

5. By Christ Jesus

If you ever question the generosity of God, look to the cross. For God so loved the world, that He gave his best.

Read: Romans 8:32

Reflect: What part of this promise stuck out to you the most? How does this affect your view of receiving from God?

Summary

Giving is the premise to receiving. Knowing this is vital in receiving what God has for you. We can experience the joy of His provision when we give with a grateful heart.

Prayer

Make time to pray for one another before you dismiss your group.