



Scriptures for further study

1 Timothy 6:7-8 | Luke 12:15 | John 14:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Philippians 4:10-20

Joy is the prospect of every life that learns to say "Yes!" and "No!" to the right persons.

1. What can we expect in life as we learn to live saying "Yes!" to Christ and to others and "No!" to ourselves? What are the positive prospects for us?
2. Why do some people have difficulty accepting help from others, even in a time of crisis? What do you think Paul meant when he said the Philippian believers cared about him but lacked an opportunity to show their concern? According to verse 12, Paul had experienced both times of plenty and times of severe financial need. How can such experiences lead a believer to a sense of contentment?
3. Sacrificial love demonstrates our trust in a sovereign God who will provide. What is the biggest sacrifice you have ever made? What are some sacrifices you make in your everyday life? What are some of the things (needs, wants, attitudes, etc.) that most often keep you from sacrificial living? How is giving an act of childlike trust in God and in His provision?
4. If Paul had learned to get along without, why do you think he commended the church in Philippi for sending a gift? What was Paul's motive for thanking the Philippians for their partnership in his ministry (vv. 15-16)?
5. Do you ever struggle to trust the truth in verse 19? Why or why not? How does a believer draw on God's unlimited resources in daily life (v. 19)? How do you know the difference between things you need and things you want? Why is it important for us to know and believe that our sovereign God provides for us?
6. Looking at your daily life, are there areas where you tend to be selfish (such as time, money, vulnerability, etc.)? How can you change those areas of your life?
7. How does giving to help others, even out of your own need, stretch and deepen your faith? Who can you help this week? How? What need do you have right now that you would like God to meet?