

19 May 2024 MACC Digging Deeper
Philippians 4:14-23
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Day 1

Pray to God, confess your sins, and ask for His help. As you dig deeper into His word this week, consider using a journal to write down the ideas and questions He has for you as you study. Read Philippians 4:14-23. In verse 14, Paul commends the Philippians for sharing in his troubles. What does this verse teach us about supporting those who preach the gospel? Check out 2 Corinthians 11:7-9 and 1 Thessalonians 2:9.

Day2

Pray to God about what he wants you to learn as you study in His word digging deeper into the verses from Sunday's message. Again, read Philippians 4:14-23. Paul mentions that he has learned to be content in any circumstance, verses 11 & 12. How does this attitude of contentment relate to the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 6:25-34? In verse 15, Paul reminds the Philippians that they were the only church to support him financially in the early days of his ministry. What does this verse reveal about the generosity and commitment of the Philippian church? Also, check out 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.

Day3

Pray to God as you learn from His word today. Is there someone you need to reconnect with whom you haven't spoken to in a long time? Send them a text, give them a call, and ask them how they are doing and what you can do for them. Read Philippians 4:14-23. In verse 17 Paul says that he is not seeking the gift itself, but the "profit that accrues to your account". What do you think this phrase means? In verse 18, Paul describes the Philippians' gift as "a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God." What does this imagery tell us about the spiritual significance of giving? Check out Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, and Hebrews 13:16.

Day 4

Find a quiet place to settle your body, mind, and spirit. Pray for God's help during this digging deeper study time. Write down what the Holy Spirit brings to your heart and mind. Write everything down in your journal for reflection and study. Paul expresses confidence in verse 19 that God will meet all the Philippians' needs according to His riches in glory. What does this verse teach us about God's provision and our trust in Him? See also Matthew 6:33, 2 Corinthians 9:8, and Hebrews 13:5-6. In verse 20, Paul offers a doxology (a short praise) to God. Why is it important to praise God in the context of giving and receiving? Check out 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 and Revelation 4:11.

Day 5

Pray for others in your life. Ask God how is He nudging you to come alongside them with kindness, compassion, and joy. One last time, read Philippians 4:14-23. Paul's overall message in this passage is one of contentment, gratitude, and trust in God's provision. How can you apply these principles to your life as a follower of Christ?