

Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

– Philippians 4:20 CSB

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NEXT
STEP

SAY
YES

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you’ve heard.

1. Which part of today’s message stood out to you and why?
2. From today’s Scripture, how is “doing well” defined?
3. What is something you could do today to make a deposit in your “Kingdom credit” account?

OUR MISSION & VISION

We *inspire* & *equip* people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**, because we believe that following Jesus makes **life better**, makes you better at life, and brings glory to God.

OUR OBJECTIVES

As Jesus’ followers, we aim to follow his teaching and example with a great commitment to the Great Commandment (Love God. Love others.) and the Great Commission (Make disciples.).

We shorthand this pattern with **KNOW** God (be with Jesus), **GROW** together (become like Jesus), and **GO** make a difference (do what Jesus does).

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN IT TOGETHER

A STUDY IN THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

“How can I do well even when things aren’t going well?”

DOING WELL REGARDLESS

TODAY’S MESSAGE

IN IT TOGETHER PART NINE • TODAY: PROSPERITY
PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23

THE BOTTOM LINE

_____ +
CONTENTMENT =
TRUE _____

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. – Philippians 4:13 NLT

BE CITIZENS WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ.
– Philippians 1:27a NLT

The word prosperous come from the Latin prosperus, “doing well.”

**GENEROSITY +
CONTENTMENT =
TRUE PROSPERITY**

YOUR CONCERN.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly because once again you renewed your care for me. You were, in fact, concerned about me but lacked the opportunity to show it. – Philippians 4:10 CSB

This passage is organized around three not-that's and even-though's.

"Not that you didn't care, even though you lacked opportunity to demonstrate it."

When you see a need, consider it your invitation to meet the need.

...you did well by partnering with me in my hardship.
– Philippians 4:14 CSB

As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.
– Philippians 4:15-16 NLT

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. – 2 Corinthians 8:1-4 NLT

I don't mean that your help didn't mean a lot to me—it did. It was a beautiful thing that you came alongside me in my troubles.
– Philippians 4:14 MSG

FIND YOUR IN CHRIST.

"Not that I am in need; I am doing well even though my circumstances may be difficult."

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. – Philippians 4:11 NIV

Here Paul is interfacing with the Stoics. To the Stoics' ideal of self-sufficiency, Paul offers the superior option of finding one's sufficiency in Christ.

The Stoics' ultimate value was contentment defined by being "entirely self-sufficient." To achieve that state they endeavored to (a) eliminate all

desire. "If you want to make a man happy...add not to his possessions, but take away from his desires." Next they proposed to (b) eliminate all feeling so that "you can watch your nearest and dearest suffer and die, and say, 'I don't care.'" These would be accomplished by (c) seeing everything that happens as God's will, which must be accepted and is useless to oppose. "As T. R. Glover said, 'The Stoics made of the heart a desert, and called it peace.'" – From Barclay' Daily Study Bible Series

I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

– Philippians 4:12 NLT

Ever been "hangry"?

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
– Philippians 4:13 NLT

Paul redefines contentment as the Christ-provided strength to endure anything instead of the self-imposed discipline of caring about nothing.

KEEP BUILDING YOUR SCORE.

Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that is increasing to your account. – Philippians 4:17 CSB

"Not that I am seeking a gift; even though I appreciate your generosity, what really pleases me is to see your kingdom account balance growing."

"Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matthew 6:19-21 CSB

NEXT STEP: SAY YES

MAKE A _____ TO YOUR KINGDOM CREDIT ACCOUNT.

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. – Philippians 4:18 NIV

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:19 NLT