

Four Characteristics Of This Promise

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

- It is a **personal** promise (4:19a)
*“14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”* Romans 8:14-15
- It is a **positive** promise (4:19b)
“that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.” Hebrews 6:18
- It is a **particular** promise (4:19c)
“I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.” Psalm 37:25
- It is a **plentiful** promise (4:19d)
“The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.” Psalm 24:1

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INTRODUCTION

- A.** Have you lost your joy in a negative world? God is the source of true joy. No matter what circumstances you face, He will provide extreme joy in your life!

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”
Philippians 4:4

Joy is an internal choice of hope based on my belief in Jesus Christ.

- B.** The book of Philippians is my favorite book of the Bible:
1. It is a **personal** book that reveals a lot about Paul.
 2. It is a **practical** book that deals with relevant issues.
 3. It is a **positive** book that focuses on joy.
- C.** In this powerful study of the book of Philippians, you’ll discover the difference between happiness and joy, and how you can experience the lasting joy that God wants for your life.
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| Apr 21 | The Joy Of Easter |
| Apr 28 | Building Joyful Relationships |
| May 5 | Finding Joy Through Suffering |
| May 12 | Experiencing Joy When You’re Stressed |
| May 19 | The Secret Of Joy In Conflict |
| May 26 | The Daily Joy Workout |
| Jun 2 | The Keys To Eternal Joy |
| Jun 9 | The Joy Of Doing Right |
| Jun 16 | Discovering Joy Through Service |
| TODAY | The Joy Of Generous Living |
- D.** **Text:** Philippians 4:14-23 (Pew Bible/Page 206/New Test.)

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THE JOY OF GENEROUS LIVING

“...And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
Acts 20:35b

I. THE JOY OF ENCOURAGING THE **WORKERS**

“Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress.”
Philippians 4:14

“Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,”

II Corinthians 8:1-3

II. THE JOY OF ADVANCING THE **GOSPEL**

“15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.”
Philippians 4:15-16

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”
Mark 16:15

III. THE JOY OF INVESTING IN **ETERNAL REWARD**

“Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.”
Philippians 4:17

“19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:19-21

“9 “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.”
Luke 16:9-10

IV. THE JOY OF **PLEASING GOD**

“Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.”
Philippians 4:18

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.”
Malachi 3:10

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
Hebrews 11:6

V. THE JOY OF HAVING YOUR **NEEDS SUPPLIED**

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:19

“9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.”
Proverbs 3:9-10

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”
Luke 6:38