

BE A BRINGER


"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

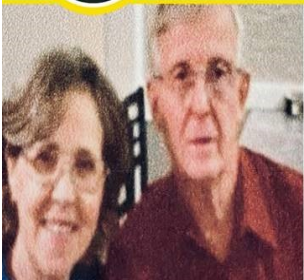
PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Arthur and Eloise MacArthur | Laos



PRAY

- Pray for funds for victims for victims of the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that occurred in Myanmar. Funds are being raised and are being distributed by National Pastors through OTAN.
- Pray for an upcoming Fall Laos pastor training. Also pray for a 2nd location to hold training in the future.

PRAISE

- Praise God that Arthur was able to be in Bangkok in March for the "A Study of God's Creation" seminar with Roland K. Bear II. This was a for pastor from 9 different countries that are OTAN partners. This seminar focused on the first 8 chapters of Genesis and God's acts in all of creation. Most of the pastors had never had a through study on this part of the Bible.



Handout: 07/13/25

Study Date: 07/20/25

Make Heaven Crowded By Giving

In Philippians 4:16, Paul is expressing gratitude to the church in Philippi for their continued support. This verse highlights the selflessness and generosity of the Philippians, who provided for Paul not just once but repeatedly during his time in Thessalonica. The support they gave him indicates their strong bond with Paul and their commitment to the mission of spreading the gospel. It serves as a beautiful example of how we can support one another, especially those who are working for the Lord.

When Paul wrote this letter, he was in prison, facing immense hardship for his faith. He had been laboring tirelessly in various cities, preaching the good news of Jesus Christ and establishing churches. The Philippians' assistance was crucial to his ministry, and their help came during a difficult time for Paul. That they sent aid more than once illustrates not only their love for him but their deep commitment to furthering the gospel.

It's also worth noting that the gifts the Philippians sent weren't just practical; they were powerful spiritual support for Paul. When we give to others, it often encourages and strengthens their spirit. Knowing that we are not alone in our struggles can fuel our perseverance and help us press on, just as it did for Paul. The emotional and spiritual impact of their generosity reinforced the bond between Paul and the church, showing that their relationship was more than just a casual one; it was rooted in mutual respect and shared faith.

This verse challenges us to consider how we can support those in ministry and those around us as well. Perhaps there are missionaries, pastors, or even friends who need our help. When we use our resources and our time to serve others, we are reflecting Christ's love in our lives. We must be willing to give, even when it requires sacrifice, knowing that our support can make a significant difference in someone's life.

Resource: Scripturesavvy.com

KEY VERSE

Philippians 4:16 (NKJV)

"For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities."

Read Philippians 4:14-19 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Philippians 4:16

Introduction

1. What message should we as followers of Christ be receiving through the "action" in Philippians 4:16? What *action* is it calling us to?
2. Paragraph 3 on page 1 tells of the "impact" the *gifts* from Philippi had on Paul. Besides his practical needs what *other need* did they meet?

Tuesday: Philippians 4:14-18; I Corinthians 9:14; Matthew 6:20

See The Value

3. What "rule" are we called to follow according to Matthew 6:20? What does it mean for us to *"lay up for ourselves treasures in Heaven"*?
4. What will be the end result according to Philippians 4:18 for those who support those dedicated to preaching the gospel? *Who* will it "please"?

Wednesday: Phil. 4:19; Rom. 8:15, 31-32; Ps. 24:1, 37:25

Remember The Promise

5. What is the overall message that Philippians 4:19 is conveying to us as servants of Christ? *Who* will provide for us?
6. Romans 8:15 is very clear in saying that we *"did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear."* What spirit *did* we receive according to this verse?

Thursday: Philippians 4:21-23

Invest In Eternity

7. What does it mean to *"Greet every saint in Christ Jesus"*? How can we take Paul's words from Philippians 4:21 and apply them to our daily routine?
8. Paul ends Philippians with; *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all"* (verse 4:23). How would receiving this message impact YOU?
9. The two questions above strive to give us direction regarding how we are to relate to one another. How is doing so an investment in eternity for us?

Friday: Malachi 3:10; II Corinthians 10:15b-16a

Participate In The Offering

10. What is the glorious promise our Lord makes to those who *"bring all the tithes into the storehouse"*? (Malachi 3:10).
11. In II Corinthians 10:15b Paul makes a statement regarding our spiritual growth. What specifically is Paul "hoping in" for us as followers?
12. We can make a huge impact as the Body of Christ by tithing and supporting our missions efforts. Can YOU find a way to increase yours?