

“The Richest One in Town”

pt. 30 — Philippians 4:10-19

To Live is Christ

INTRODUCTION

- the value of a gift

1. *We give...*

- the character of the Philippians
 - + poor, but they knew how to give
2 Cor. 8:1-5
 - + they understood the value of God's gift
- the character of Paul mirrored
 - + giving selflessly
 - + giving as a steward

“God will not judge us on what we give, but in what we keep for ourselves.”

— George Mueller

“If you are not generous with a meager income, you will never be generous with abundance.”

— Harold Nye

- “but you alone” (4:15)

2. *We give...confident God will give to us*

- God's promise to provide
 - + “my God”
 - + “will supply”
 - + “all your needs”
Prov. 3:9-10; Mal. 3:10; Mt. 6:33; Lk. 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:8-11
- a provision we may not anticipate

“A contented Christian doth not go to choose his cross, but leaves God to choose for him; he is content both for the kind, and for the duration. A contented spirit saith, Let God apply what medicine he pleaseth, and let it lie on as long as it will; I know when it hath done its cure, and eaten the venom of sin out of my heart, God will take it off again. In a word, a contented Christian being sweetly captivated under the authority of the word, desires to be wholly at God's disposal, and is willing to live in that sphere and climate where God has set him...”

— Thomas Watson

- ☉ are you content with God's choices for you?
- ☉ are you presently willing and eager to give yourself away for God's glory and others' good?

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