THE FRUITS OF GIVING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Philippians 4:14-20

I. Nevertheless – vs. 14

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

Philippians 4:10-13

Kalōs - well; rightly; good (value)

Thlípsis - oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress, straits.

II. A History Of Partnership – vs. 15-16

2 Corinthians 11:7-9

1 Thessalonians 2:9

2 Thessalonians 3:8

III. The Fruit Of Giving – vs. 17

Karpós - that which originates or comes from something, an effect, <u>result</u>. (Is used in figurative discourse of those who by their labors have fitted souls to obtain eternal life.)

Romans 1:13

Philippians 1:21-22

Matthew 13:8

Proverbs 11:24-25

Proverbs 19:17

2 Corinthians 9:6-13

Matthew 6:19-20

IV. The <u>Sacrificial</u> Gift – vs. 18

 $Apech\bar{o}$ - be enough, be sufficient; to the limit of what one would expect

Perisseúō - to be <u>abundantly</u> furnished with, to have in abundance, <u>abound</u> in (a thing), to be in affluence

 $Pl\acute{e}r\acute{o}\bar{o}$ - to <u>fill</u> to the <u>top</u>: so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure, fill to the brim

Genesis 8:20-21

Leviticus 1:9, 17

Philippians 4:10a

1 Peter 2:5

Euárestos - well pleasing, acceptable.

2 Corinthians 5:9

Ephesians 5:10

1 Chronicles 21:24

V. The Return On Investment – vs. 19

Proverbs 3:9-10

Matthew 6:31-34

Ploútos – riches, wealth; an abundance of material resources

Ephesians 1:3

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

VI. Soli Deo Gloria – vs. 20

Ephesians 3:20-21

Closing Thought: Paul was overjoyed by the sacrificial offering that his Philippian brothers and sisters had made. Overjoyed, because their gift was sacrificial and pleasing to God, as it was used for His profit that His Kingdom would come to earth. Could Paul be joyful because of our sacrificial giving, that is growing His Kingdom? Have you ever gone without because you gave too much to God's work? Are our minds being transformed as it relates to giving for Christ's sake?