

# THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

**PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 4:10-13**

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**“How To Get Rich Quick” – Part 1**

**DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION**

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**Philippians 4:10-13**

But I **rejoiced** in the Lord **greatly** that now at last your **care** for me has **flourished** again; though you surely did care, but you lacked **opportunity**. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I **have learned** in **whatever** state I am, to be **content**: 12 I know how to be **abased**, and I know how to **abound**. **Everywhere** and in **all things** I have **learned** both to be **full** and to be **hungry**, both to **abound** and to suffer **need**. 13 I **can** do all things through Christ who **strengthens** me.

Just across the west-side of our parking area is L.A. Fitness,

And people gather there with great hope and expectation. Some people are there to better themselves by working out and maintaining or improving their health // some people are there because they are recovering or in rehab of some sorts // others are there to see // others are there to be seen

Whatever the Reasons – The Place is called L.A. Fitness

And it's pretty much packed all day and all night - - why?

There's an even greater exercise you can do – it's soul exercise.

And the more you invest in it – the healthier, stronger and able you become.

**1 Timothy 4:7-8**

But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. **8** For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

In the Same Genre - There is nothing more useless on earth than

## **Theoretical Christianity**

synonyms for “theoretical” are;

academic, abstract, speculative, metaphorical, intellectual, vague, pedantic.

**Biblical Christianity strikes the balance between the**

(1) personal learning about God = acquired theology and (2) the practical knowledge that results in personal transformation = intimate relationship is true, Jesus-style Christianity!

church, young people - - be very careful that your Theology is not just in your head, but is also in the heart

**Luke 10:17-21**

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." :18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because **your names are written in heaven.**" :21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to (theologians) babes.

**The Last Thing the Church Needs Is Another Batch of Theologians** - for theology's sake – What the church needs today are those who have met with God, learned from God, and are out and about following hard after God. The kind of People who know Him and are set on making Him known.

**Chapter 4 ends the book by outlining The Believer's Strength:**

- (1) Steadfastness and Unity verses 1-3 // (2) Joy and Confidence of verses 4-7
- (3) Holiness and Peace verses 8-9 // (4) Gratitude and Assurance verses 10-23

**The Christians at Philippi were not content to be "Christians" in name** or by title, They were not willing to profit eternally from the gospel ministry of the Apostle Paul - - but they were willing to be concerned about the earthly, temporal welfare of the servants of Christ (Paul) to whom they owed the knowledge of that truth which had made them both rich and free.

**They Knew They Were Slaves;**

From the very beginning of the preaching of the gospel, the bulk of believers in the first several centuries of the church were predominately slaves in the Roman Empire. In those days it was not easy or acceptable to proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord - - in fact in many cases becoming a Christian cost you your life!

**How To Get Rich Quick**

1.) Look for God-ordained opportunities around you vs. 10-11

a.) They are supplied by God for you vs. 10

But I **rejoiced** in the Lord **greatly** that now at last your **care** for me has **flourished** again; though you surely did care, but you lacked **opportunity**.

**Rejoiced grk: chairo, khah´-ee-ro;** a primary verb; to be “cheer”ful, i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well: — farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hall, joy(- fully), rejoice.

**Greatly grk: megalos, meg-al´-oce;** massive, super-large, in an abundant, overflowing way.

**Care grk: phroneo, fron-eh´-o** to exercise the mind (toward or for me) to set your affection on or to be mindful of.

**Opportunity grk: akaireomai, ak-ahee-reh´-om-ahee;** Unseasonable or having no season. The season never came around. to not have the chance or the occasion to help.

### **Galatians 6:10**

Therefore, as we have **opportunity**, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**I cannot tell you enough - just how amazing y’all have been to seize upon the seasons of opportunities that have come your way.**

**Your Acts of Love are Known of Around the World – literally!**

**From the beginning of their Christian lives, the Philippian saints**

had cared for the needs of the apostle as opportunities arose. They even sent funds to him when he was laboring in Thessalonica, where he and his companions had gone after being released from the Philippian jail.

**History proves that the Philippian church, once having met**

Christ through the apostle, continued to show their thanks by investing generously in the apostle by supporting his ministry - - *and it was a wise move on their part!*

### **Matthew 10:40-42**

“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Verse 10b -- though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

**Christians are not exempt from suffering and hardships.**

In fact – the Christian life is appointed to sufferings and hardships.

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**How To Get Rich Quick**  
**Look for the God ordained opportunities around you.**

1b.) They are designed by God through you vs. 11

Not that I speak in regard to need,

For (1) I have learned (2) in whatever state I am, (3) to be content:  
**Paul accepted people's neglect as a lesson in the school of God.**

**learned Grk: manthano, man-than'-o;**

to come to the place of knowing, enlightenment or to see the reality of.

**content grk: autarkes, ow-tar'-kace;**

Used by the Greek mystics to indicate a mental state of separation from the world's trivia. a word that was popular among the stoics of Paul's day.

**Are you in a season of grief or in a place of suffering?**  
Consider the State of men like Moses / Job / Joseph,

**2 Corinthians 11:23-28**

Are they servants of Christ? I know I sound like a madman, but I have served him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. 24 Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. 26 I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. 27 I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. :28 Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches.

**COME TO JESUS TODAY**

The Cross, The Christ, The Call

*End of Study*

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