

## Different Voices

Lesson 21

Philippians 4:1-9, 4:10-23

<b>Bible Text</b> New International Version	<b>Observations</b> What does the text say?	<b>Interpretation &amp; Questions</b> What does it mean to all Christians?
<p><b>Philippians 4:1-9, 4:10-23</b></p> <p><b>Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity</b></p> <p><b>4</b> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!</p> <p><sup>2</sup> I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.<sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.</p> <p><b>Final Exhortations</b></p> <p><sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.</p>		
<b>Application</b> What does it mean to me?		
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<p><b>Philippians 4:10-23</b></p> <p><b>Thanks for Their Gifts</b></p> <p><sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.</p> <p><sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.</p> <p><b>Final Greetings</b></p> <p><sup>21</sup> Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. <sup>22</sup> All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.</p> <p><sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.<sup>[a]</sup></p>	Empty space for observations	Empty space for interpretation &amp; questions
<b>Application</b> What does it mean to me?		
<p><b>Footnotes:</b></p> <p>a. Philippians 4:23 Some manuscripts do not have <i>Amen</i>.</p>		
<p><b>Summary:</b></p>		

## Reflections

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Philippians 4:1-9, 10-23

Thankfulness

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### Scriptures:

Psalm 100:1-5

James 1:17-18

### Question:

Make a list of the gifts you have received in your life and specifically this year in Lamplighters. Thank God, and then share your list so that others can rejoice with you.



