

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Philippians Bible Study

### Philippians 4:17-23

### Lesson #11

\*\*INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Philippians before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek **the FRUIT that abounds to your ACCOUNT.**

•**Romans 7:4** “Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be married to another, even to \_\_\_\_\_ who was \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, that we should bear \_\_\_\_\_ to God.”

•**John 15:4-5 & 8** “Abide (stay close) in \_\_\_\_\_, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear \_\_\_\_\_ of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless \_\_\_\_\_ abide in \_\_\_\_\_. I am the \_\_\_\_\_, you are the branches. He who \_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and I in him, \_\_\_\_\_ much \_\_\_\_\_; for without Me you can do \_\_\_\_\_.” (Verse 8) “By this is My Father glorified, that \_\_\_\_\_ bear much \_\_\_\_\_; so you will [prove to] be My disciples.”

•**Romans 6:20-21** “For when you were \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, you were free in regard to righteousness. What \_\_\_\_\_ did you have then in the things of which you are now \_\_\_\_\_? For the \_\_\_\_\_ of those things is \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “BEAR FRUIT to GOD”** — In this context “fruit” means product, RESULTS, outcome. The OUTCOME of our lives should be to DO what God WANTS US to DO.

•**Colossians 1:10** “That you may have a walk \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, fully \_\_\_\_\_ Him, being \_\_\_\_\_ in every \_\_\_\_\_ and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

**Definition: “I seek the FRUIT that abounds to your ACCOUNT”** – This ACCOUNT that Paul is speaking of is the same thing that Jesus was talking about when He told us to “**Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven**”, and it refers to the rewards that we will get in heaven if we have been FAITHFUL in serving the Lord during our life here on earth. Doing “good works” such as what the Philippians did for Paul in supporting his ministry, is like **putting money in your BANK ACCOUNT in heaven**. After our resurrection, we as Believers in Christ must appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, in order to be judged on our works. This judgment for Believers, however, is **ONLY to see whether we will receive REWARDS or not. Remember, the Believer’s judgment for SIN has already fallen on Jesus Christ**, Jesus has already taken our punishment, and we will not have to suffer the wrath of God (see II Cor. 5:18-21, I Thess. 5:9, I Thess. 1:10, and Isaiah 53:5-6 & 10-12).

•**II Corinthians 5:10** “For we must \_\_\_\_\_ appear before the \_\_\_\_\_ seat of \_\_\_\_\_, that each one may receive [rewards or judgment for] the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, according to what he has \_\_\_\_\_, whether \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Romans 14:10-12** “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall \_\_\_\_\_ stand before the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’ So then each of us shall give \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to God.”

• **Matthew 6:19-21** “Do \_\_\_\_\_ lay up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but \_\_\_\_\_ up for \_\_\_\_\_ treasures in \_\_\_\_\_, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ is, there your \_\_\_\_\_ will be also.”

• **I Corinthians 3:11 & 14-15** “For no other \_\_\_\_\_ can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Verses 14-15) “If anyone’s \_\_\_\_\_ which he has \_\_\_\_\_ on it (*on the foundation of Christ*) endures, he will \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_. If anyone’s \_\_\_\_\_ is burned, he will suffer \_\_\_\_\_; but he \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_, yet so as through fire.”

**Definition: “He HIMSELF will be SAVED, yet so as through FIRE”** – This means that even if a person receives little or no rewards in heaven, they will still be SAVED because of their FAITH in Jesus Christ. We can’t BUY or EARN our salvation in the first place, it is a gift from God. The REWARDS are just something EXTRA that we can receive for **the good works we have done AFTER getting saved.**

• **Ephesians 2:8-10** “For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved through \_\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, lest anyone should boast. For we are \_\_\_\_\_ workmanship (PRODUCT), created in Christ Jesus for [*the purpose of*] good \_\_\_\_\_, which God \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ should walk in them.”

18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, **a sweet-smelling AROMA, an acceptable SACRIFICE, well PLEASING to God.**”

• **Exodus 29:18** “And you shall \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ offering to the \_\_\_\_\_; it is a \_\_\_\_\_ aroma, an offering made by \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “A sweet-smelling AROMA, an acceptable SACRIFICE”** – Have you ever smelled a neighbor’s barbeque, as the delicious smell and aroma of steaks or hamburgers on the grill floated through your window? Yes, that is a sweet-smelling aroma, but is that what God is really concerned with? No, **it was the OBEDIENCE of His people in MAKING the sacrifices that pleased God.** All of the Old Testament sacrifices were **SYMBOLIC of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross**, and He is their fulfillment (Colossians 2:16-17, Hebrews 9:1-14). **When God was pleased with the Israelites’ sacrifices, He would say it was a “sweet-smelling aroma.”** For us, as Believers under the New Covenant, the sacrifices that please God are the SACRIFICES of our PRAISE and our obedience.

• **Ephesians 5:1-2** “Therefore be followers of God as dear children. And \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ also has loved us and \_\_\_\_\_ Himself for us, an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ to God for a sweet-smelling \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Hebrews 13:15-16** “Therefore by Him (Jesus Christ) let us continually \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, that is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_, giving \_\_\_\_\_ to His name. But do not forget to do \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_, for with such \_\_\_\_\_ God is well \_\_\_\_\_.”

19 “And my **God shall SUPPLY all your NEED** according to **His RICHES in glory BY Christ Jesus.**”

• **Psalms 23:1-2** “The \_\_\_\_\_ is my \_\_\_\_\_; I shall \_\_\_\_\_ want (lack, be in need). He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

• **Romans 8:32** “He who did not \_\_\_\_\_ His own \_\_\_\_\_, but delivered

Him up for us all, how shall He not with \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ things?"

• **Romans 5:10** "For if when we were \_\_\_\_\_ we were reconciled to God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_, much \_\_\_\_\_, having been \_\_\_\_\_, we shall be saved (KEPT SAFE) by His \_\_\_\_\_."

• **I Corinthians 3:21-23** "Therefore let no one glory in men. For \_\_\_\_\_ are yours; whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas (Peter), or the world or life or death, or \_\_\_\_\_ present or \_\_\_\_\_ to come — \_\_\_\_\_ are yours. And \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, and Christ is \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Psalms 145:18-19** "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in \_\_\_\_\_. He will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who fear (reverence, obey) Him; He also will hear their cry and \_\_\_\_\_ them."

• **Matthew 6:33** "But \_\_\_\_\_ first (make it your priority) the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and His righteousness, and \_\_\_\_\_ these \_\_\_\_\_ shall be added to you."

**Definition: "God shall SUPPLY all your NEED"** – This promise was to the Philippian church, because they had given an offering to help supply Paul's needs, so Paul says **God will REPAY them by supplying all their needs.** We can apply this promise to ourselves, but only for **God providing what we really NEED.** It is NOT a promise for God allowing His people to become **RICH by worldly standards,** because He knows RICHES may be too much of a temptation to someone. God's word says that the love of money causes all kinds of evil, even causing some Believers to go astray from their faith in Jesus Christ. God's ultimate purpose for our lives is not just to make us comfortable, but **to conform us to the image of His Son Jesus Christ.** If God knows that you will develop the character qualities of Jesus better in poverty or in "just having enough", He will keep you in that situation, at least for a while. There are a few of His children that God can trust with great riches, knowing that they will use it for His kingdom, and not for selfish reasons. **More often, God knows that great wealth would be destructive in our lives, and so He gives us only as much as we NEED.** He is more concerned with spiritual riches.

• **I Timothy 6:6-10** "But godliness with \_\_\_\_\_ is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be content with that. But those who \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ fall into \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, and into many \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ lusts, which drown men in \_\_\_\_\_ and perdition. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is the root of all \_\_\_\_\_; which while some \_\_\_\_\_ after, they have gone \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and pierced \_\_\_\_\_ through with \_\_\_\_\_."

• **I Timothy 6:17-19** "Command those who are \_\_\_\_\_ in this present \_\_\_\_\_ not to be haughty (proud), \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in uncertain \_\_\_\_\_ but in the living \_\_\_\_\_, who gives us richly \_\_\_\_\_ things to enjoy. Let them do \_\_\_\_\_, that they be \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, ready to \_\_\_\_\_, willing to \_\_\_\_\_, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

• **II Peter 1:3-4** "According as His divine power has \_\_\_\_\_ to us \_\_\_\_\_ that pertain to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue: whereby are \_\_\_\_\_ to us exceeding great and precious \_\_\_\_\_ (in God's word): that by these you might be \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

**Definition: "WITH HIM also FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS"** — What does ALL THINGS mean? Does it mean any silly, selfish wish you might come up with out of your sinful nature and corrupted mind? NO!!! God promises to GIVE US ALL THINGS that WE NEED, and even the DESIRES of our heart, if they are godly desires, and if we are COMPLETELY SOLD OUT to serving Him.

•Psalm 37:4-5 "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall \_\_\_\_\_ you the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_. Commit your way (LIFE) to the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass (make it happen)."

•Psalm 84:11 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ grace and glory: \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

•II Peter 1:3-4 "As His divine \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ ALL \_\_\_\_\_ that pertain to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ exceeding great and precious promises, that through these \_\_\_\_\_ may be \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature (TO BE LIKE JESUS), having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

•Ephesians 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has \_\_\_\_\_ us with every (ALL) spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in heavenly places \_\_\_\_\_ Christ."

20 Now to our God and Father be GLORY forever and ever. Amen.

•Matthew 6:13 "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Amen."

•I Chronicles 29:11-13 "Yours, O \_\_\_\_\_, is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, the victory and the \_\_\_\_\_; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the \_\_\_\_\_, O Lord, and You are \_\_\_\_\_ as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_. In Your hand is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; in Your hand is to make great and to give \_\_\_\_\_ to all. Now, therefore, our \_\_\_\_\_, we thank You and \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_ name."

21-23 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. **The brethren who are with me greet you.** All the saints greet you, but **especially those who are of Caesar's household.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

•Colossians 4:18 "This salutation by my own hand - Paul. Remember my chains. \_\_\_\_\_ be with \_\_\_\_\_. Amen."

•Titus 3:15 "\_\_\_\_\_ who are with \_\_\_\_\_ you. Greet those who love us in the faith. \_\_\_\_\_ be with \_\_\_\_\_ all. Amen."

•Hebrews 13:25 "\_\_\_\_\_ be with \_\_\_\_\_ all. Amen."

**Definition: "Especially those who are of CAESAR'S HOUSEHOLD"** - These are Christian's who are either servants, soldiers or family members in the household of Caesar, the emperor in Rome. The gospel of Jesus Christ had already made its way into even the very heart of Rome. When Paul was chained to a Roman soldier during his imprisonment, he most likely witnessed to and led many of them to Christ, and they in turn witnessed to family members and others, and the gospel spread throughout Rome.