

A Recipe For Success

Philippians 4:10-13

Writing to the Philippians, Paul encourages the church to hang in there because more is waiting for them.

Paul talked about how he wanted to participate in the suffering of Christ. He wanted to die to himself and be resurrected like him. He wanted to get everything out of this God experience, pressing toward the mark of the high calling of Christ Jesus.

He informed them that they were the only ones who helped him with resources while doing ministry.

We are encouraged to do good works that become spiritual fruit. God recognizes goodness and kindness and good works are stored up in God's high yield savings account.

Paul had prayed for the people and they were led to give a fragrant offering which was pleasing to God. when we give willingly, God, in turn, blesses us with spiritual wealth.

The church had connections in the community so there was wealth available. This was used to support the ministry. Paul was not seeking resources for his own personal benefit. He stressed the fact that he could be content in whatever situation he was in, whether he had much or little.

Having been given a glimpse of the third heaven and unable to speak about it, he saw the insignificance of earthly wealth. Godliness with contentment is great gain.

Give God your time, talent and resources. He will give back to you a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, poured out to you. Be charitable to God. If you give sparingly, you will reap sparingly.

Don't concern yourself with fleeting pleasures for God will embrace you for all eternity.