



January 8, 2023
Money and Happiness

Philippians 4:10-23

Summary – Philippians concludes with a brilliant understanding of the place for riches. Paul says the goal isn't to be rich or poor but to learn to be content. He goes on to say the money is trouble's kryptonite and can bring about incredible fruit for the giver and for God's Kingdom.

Scripture – Philippians 4:10-23; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28; Psalm 23:1-2

Community Group Questions:

(There is no obligation to discuss every question)

Introduction

1. Did today's teaching challenge the way you look at money?
2. How are money and happiness tied together?

The Goal is Contentment (Philippians 4:10-13)

1. "Contentedness is your best financial advisor." Discuss
2. "You are either content or ruled by covetousness." How do we **learn** to be content?
3. Why does coveting always have a sequel (Rocky movies)?

Money Can Be Kind (Philippians 4:14-17a)

1. "Generosity is kryptonite to trouble." Discuss
2. Did you ever have a problem you couldn't get past, and someone bailed you out?

Fruits of Generosity (Philippians 4:17b-20)

1. Would God call you a generous person?
2. At what point does giving become generous?
3. How does God bless us in ways you can't buy?

Conclusion (Philippians 4:21-23)

Paul concludes the book of Philippians by calling the Philippians saints.

1. What makes someone a **saint**?
2. "Jesus came to make us new, not better." Discuss