



“God’s Gift of Strength”

Philippians 4:13



Philippians 4:10 - 12

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.

Not that I speak in regard to need, for *I have learned* in whatever state I am, *to be content:*

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.



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I can do *all things*
through Christ
who *strengthens* me.





**The gift of salvation
is easy to receive;**

the growth in that salvation is hard.

**Yet wherever we find our self,
with riches or rags,**

Jesus is with us and for us,

**and we will be satisfied, strengthened,
and supplied with everything we need.**

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An Outline

1. The Education of the Christian Life
(vs. 9 -12) *“I have learned”*
2. The Enabling of the Christian Life
(v.13) *“I can do”*
3. The Encouragement of our Life
(vs. 10, 11-19) *“you sent aid”*



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I. The Education (vs. 9, 11, 12)



Look at the words –

learned (v.11) = to increase one's knowledge
Matthew 11:29,30 “and learn of me”

instructed (v. 12) = to teach fully
2 Timothy 2:2 – “teach to faithful men”

Know (v.12) = educated
Romans 8:18, 22, 28 “we know”

2 Timothy 3:1-17

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ... persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures....

II. The Energy (v.13)

The Places (11-13) want, full, abased, abound, needy, affliction, necessity.



“The Christian life is not an up and down life but life will bring highs and lows, good and evil, victory and defeat, happiness and sadness, rags and riches”

The power (v.13) = to receive strength
“I can do”

III. The Encouragement (vs. 10, 11-19)



***You have done well* (v.14)**

1. We can be concerned – “shared” v.10

Romans 12:13 ”the necessity of saints”

2. We can communicate - “concerning” v.15

Acts 11:28 – a great famine in Jerusalem;

3. We can be charitable - “you sent aid” v.18

Acts 11:28 - the disciples sent relief

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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8