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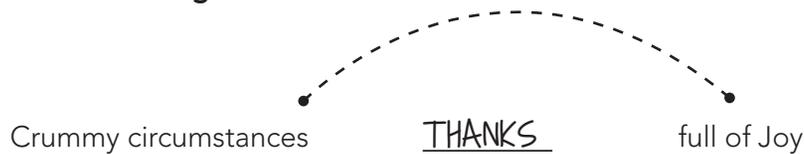
Receiving the Gift of Partnership (Philippians 2)

Thanks!, Part 2

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THANKS: Being truly THANKFUL is one of the best feelings ever... and it gets fully experienced ... via partnership.

Re-introducing PHILIPPIANS



Note the OCCASION: Partnership

WHY & HOW

PARTNERSHIP is JOY-O-Genic.

³ I thank my God every time I think of you! ⁴ I always pray with joy, whenever I pray for you all, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ Of this I'm convinced: the one who began a good work in you will thoroughly complete it by the day of King Jesus. ⁷ It's right for me to think this way about all of you. You have me in your hearts, here in prison as I am, working to defend and bolster up the gospel. You are my partners in grace, all of you!

Philippians 1:3–7 (Kingdom New Testament)

TIP: Move consciously, willfully from observer to partaker/ partner ...

PARTNERSHIP IS WORTH IT... completes the joy!

Look after each other's best interests, not your own.

Philippians 2:4

TIP: Get real... Get over ourselves

PARTNERSHIP IS POSITIVITY —

- ▶ Self-forgetful TIMOTHY
- ▶ Risk taking out of love EPAPHRODITUS

TIP: 1 Week, 1 Person, substitute THANKS for complaint.

PARTNERSHIP IS PROVISION —

¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. ¹⁸ But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:17–19 (NASB)

- ▶ This is about “profit” — it's O.K., even smart to ask: Is this good for me?
- ▶ Huge Principle: Being in partnership with God is a really good place to be. It means that He's got you!

TIP: Figure out a way to get in partnership — give, serve, step of faith, generosity.

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