

WHAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK?

Philippians 4:19-20

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

When stress and fear rise, remember:

- God is my **source** – 4:19a *And my God will supply every need of yours*

Context:

- a. Christians in Philippi gave a sacrificial offering for the Apostle Paul's missionary and church planting work.
 - b. God is "**resupplying**" generous Christians.
- God is my **supply** – 4:19a *And my God will supply every need of yours*
 - a. What will God supply? Every "need," not every "greed." – 4:19
 - b. How will God supply? *according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.* – 4:19b

Q: What are "*his riches in glory in Christ Jesus*"?

A: His ability to meet our financial needs to point us to the deeper needs of our heart.

Q: How do spiritual riches connect with my present financial stress and fear?

A: Spiritual truth is *not* disconnected from everyday living. Spiritual truth and wisdom give us the ability to make wise choices that will result in financial health.

- It's all about God's **glory**: That's where we find what's **best** for us - 4:20
To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

"Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are too easily pleased." – C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*¹

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