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Philippians 4:15-23
"Acceptable To God"

Principles And Practical Application

The Matter Of Giving.

- *It is pleasing to God when His people support mission programs.
- *Churches that meet the needs of missionaries are participants in that ministry.
- *Responsible churches will make certain the missionaries are biblically sound.

The Two Way Blessing Of Giving.

- *Giving to missions brings spiritual blessings to those who give and receive.

Sacrificial Giving from the heart.

- *Pleases God.
- *Is a fragrant aroma to God.
- *Acceptable to God.

God, The Believer's Source.

- *It brings God pleasure when His people look to Him for ALL of their needs.

Saints - The Family Of God.

- *To believe in Christ is to enter into a relationship with God and all His children.
- *All in Christ are one in the faith no matter where they are or what they look like!

Application. SO WHAT? This is an epistle from the Lord to His people of encouragement and instruction. The encouragement being, you are doing a good job. This work is making eternal differences in people's lives. There is an ongoing call for unity, which without the ministry becomes bogged down and powerless. Key verses include, **1:21**, "For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." While we live, live for the glory of God, and not for ourselves. In **v 1:29** Paul wrote, "For it has been granted to you on Christ's behalf not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him." Believers are to work for the Lord without grumbling, poured out in sacrificial service to Jesus. Expect hardship to come while serving. Be vigilant, watch out for those spreading a false gospel. Set your goal to know Him and the power of His resurrection, fellowship of His sufferings. Live your Christian life in a manner that is a good example for others to follow. Remind yourself, this world is not my home, I have a citizenship in heaven! Live life as a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to the Lord. Live a life of contentment in the Lord. Meditate on **Matthew 11:29-30. Amen.**