

Paul and the Philippians

What about you?

List the people and churches who have given to you so far. Rejoice in the Lord that they have received this blessing from him.

One year you receive 50% more income than you need. Do you:

- write to the givers thanking them but telling them to stop, or reduce, the amount they are giving?
- write to the givers thanking them, thank God for blessing them more and prayerfully consider whether to give the extra money to other ministries you support or to find new ways to spend the extra money God has provided for your ministry,
- do a combination of these?

Write down the reasons for your answer.

Verse

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

[PHILIPPIANS 4:19]



Prayer – pray this prayer for your individual financial partners:

Father, you love to bless your children. I praise you for all the blessing you pour out on those who give generously. From your glorious riches in Christ, please meet every need of (name of financial partner). Amen

For further reflection

Read PHILIPPIANS 1:20-26; 4:10-20. Paul writes to his supporters saying he is delighted with the gift he has received, even though he isn't sure he will live long enough to spend it, and anyway he doesn't need it. How would you feel about expressing such things in a letter back to your supporting churches and partners? How can you learn from Paul's attitude to these things?