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Example of a Father's desire to provide for his children - [cp. Mt. 7:9-12]

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God does <u>not</u> promise to meet the needs of everyone in the world. If this were the case, no one would die of starvation.

He does, however, promise to meet the needs of <u>His children</u>, who walk righteously.

Psalm 37:25 - "I have been young, and now am old: yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Compare verse 18 with verse 19.

Paul is saying, "You met <u>my</u> need, God is going to meet <u>your</u> need. You met <u>one</u> need that I have, but my God will meet <u>all</u> of your needs. You gave out of your <u>poverty</u>, but God will supply your needs out of His <u>riches</u> in glory!" (Wiersbe, p. 99).

The Philippian church met the needs of God's missionary (the Apostle Paul); therefore, God's promise is to meet their needs also.

You cannot claim this verse (the promise of Phil. 4:19) unless you meet the condition implied in the context.

This promise is for those who give. Because the Philippians made Paul <u>full</u> (peplaromai - v. 18), Paul promises that God will make them <u>full</u> (plarosai - v. 19).

If you out of a heart of love, supply the needs of someone else, some day when you have a need God will see to it that your needs are satisfied.
The Christian who sacrifices financially for God's work will always have his needs met.

The church that gives to support missionaries (church planters) will have its own needs supplied.

The parents who take care of their children will find themselves taken care of later in life.

The friend who meets the need of a neighbor will himself be rewarded one day.

We often forget that the promise, "all these things shall be added unto you" is conditioned by the phrase, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." (Mt. 6:33)

The principle of "sowing and reaping" (Gal. 6:7) is in the context of <u>giving</u> (communicating or sharing) to meet the needs of God's laborers (Gal. 6:6).

"What goes around, comes around."

--You get what you give

--You invest in God's Work, you will reap dividends from God"

--You can't outgive God"

--Sam Telloyan

Luke 6:38 - "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shake together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

SEE: II Cor. 9:6-10

*v. 8 - The Principle: God gives to us so that we may give to others. *To the proportion that we give away our money, to that proportion God increases our income and blessings (v. 6).

God has a lot to give away! The problem is He has trouble finding channels through which He can give. Many stingy channels. Therefore God does not invest His resources with such people.

Eccl. 11:1 - "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."

II. The <u>CERTAINTY</u> of God's Provision

("shall supply")

"Shall" = will certainly

"Supply" = fill

We do not have a God who may supply, could supply, might supply; but a God who promises He will supply.

Has God ever failed on any of His promises? NO!

Great is His faithfulness!

Job was a man who gave to meet the needs of the poor (Job 29:12-16); for a while He may have thought that God's promise failed, but in due season he reaped! (42:10-12)

ILLUS: of the faith of those who knew that God would provide! EX. George Muller.

Overview of George Müller's Prayer Life

George Müller was a 19th-century Christian known for his deep faith and reliance on prayer. He founded orphanages in Bristol, England, and cared for over 10,000 orphans without ever asking for financial support from people. Instead, he relied solely on prayer to meet the needs of his orphanages.

Key Aspects of Müller's Prayer

Faith and Trust

- Müller believed in the power of prayer and that God would provide for his needs.
- He often started his day with prayer, seeking guidance and support for his work.

Documented Answers to Prayer

- Müller kept meticulous records of his prayers and their answers.
- He reported over 50,000 specific answers to prayer, with 30,000 occurring on the same day or hour he prayed.

Examples of Provision

- On one occasion, when his orphanage had no food, he prayed, and shortly after, a baker and a milkman arrived with supplies.
- He often faced financial challenges but remained confident that God would provide.

Principles of Prayer

Müller emphasized several principles for effective prayer:

- Requests should align with God's will.
- Pray in faith, believing that God is willing and able to answer.
- Maintain a life of integrity and confession to avoid hindrances in prayer.
- Persevere in prayer, continuing to seek God until answers are received.

Müller's life serves as a powerful example of faith in action, demonstrating how prayer can lead to remarkable outcomes.

EX: Young pastor and annual budget illustration (Wiersbe, p. 99)

Child of the Heavenly Father, there is no need to fear about your needs not being met when God even puts thought and energy into feeding the birds and clothing the grass! (SEE: Mt. 6:25-33).

III. The SCOPE of God's Provision
("all your needs")

"All your needs" - lit. Every one of your needs.

The emphasis is on each individual need you have in life.

"All your needs" - A need is that which is essential or necessary for you to live.

Needs and wants (lusts) must be distinguished.

Need = Adequate food
Adequate water
Adequate clothing
Adequate shelter

A "need" is that which is necessary to live. A need is that which without it, you could not exist.

A need is a bare essential of life.

To have more than you need is to be rich or wealthy.

God did not say that He would supply all your "greeds," but all you needs.

IV. The ABUNDANCE of God's Provision
("according to His riches in glory")

God's resources are unlimited!

"He is possessor of Heaven and earth" (Gen. 14:22).

He owns "the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Ps. 50:10).

Lee Iococca is not the richest!

Donald Trump is not to be envied!

If anyone is to be envied it is a child of God - a Christian - because he is the son of a rich Father!

(EX: film Twice Given by Olive's Film Productions - depicting the faith of Tom Williams who with insurmountable hospital bills and no insurance goes to his "Father" and has his needs met miraculously).

V. The SOURCE of God's Provision

("by Christ Jesus")

"By Christ Jesus" = lit. in Christ Jesus. God's riches are in Christ. If Heaven is the bank, Christ is the vault which holds all of the believer's blessings (Eph. 1:3).

There is no life outside of Jesus (Jn. 11:25; Eph. 2:5).

There is no exaltation outside of Jesus (Eph. 2:6).

There is no grace outside of Jesus (Eph. 2:7)

There are no blessings outside of Jesus (Eph. 1:3).

There is no truth outside of Jesus (jn. 14:6).

There is no true wealth (riches) outside of Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

In Christ dwells all richness (Col. 1:27, 2:3), and those in union with Him are linked to the source and supply of limitless divine wealth.

Col. 2:9-10 - "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power"

If the source of God's provision is Christ, and if Christ will never leave us (mt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5), then neither will his supply!

A Translation of Paul's Conclusion Verses 20-23

"Now to our God and Father (be) glory unto the ages of the ages: Amen (truly).
Give greetings to every saint in Christ Jesus.
The brothers who are with me are greeting you,
But especially the ones out of Caesar's Household."

CONCLUSION:

Application: Since God promises to meet our needs, what type of response should we have to such a promise?

"In God we trust"

Step out by faith and:

1) Increase your giving

2) Don't let the fear of not being able to pay the bills be an excuse for working on Sunday

3) Keep your wife at home with the children, not out in the work place

4) Don't be inhibited to go into the ministry for fear of lack of funds.

   Hudson Taylor gave this testimony: "When God's work is done in God's way for God's glory, it will not lack for God's supply."

5) Re-focus your thoughts onto what you can do for God, rather than on how you can "make ends meet" financially.