

A Missions-Minded Church

Philippians 4:14–23 • Sermon Guide

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Big Idea: A missions-minded church knows and supports gospel workers, gives with eternal and God-centered motives, and trusts God for the results.

1. The Characteristics of a Missions-Minded Church

Philippians 4:14–16

- **Thoughtful (v. 14)** — They shared Paul’s trouble.
- **Faithful (v. 15a)** — They partnered with him from the beginning.
- **Loyal (v. 15b)** — They stood with him when others did not.
- **Knowledgeable (v. 16)** — They knew his needs and responded specifically.

Think About It

- If one of our missionaries walked into church tomorrow, would I recognize him or her?
- When was the last time I prayed for one of our missionaries by name and for a specific need?
- Would our missionaries describe our church as thoughtful, faithful, loyal, and knowledgeable?

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Historical picture: Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice remind us that missionaries need more than admiration—they need churches that remain informed, faithful partners.

2. The Motivation Behind a Missions-Minded Church

Philippians 4:17–18

- **Heavenly-minded (v. 17)** — We look for eternal fruit.
- **Open-handed (v. 18a)** — We willingly release resources for gospel work.
- **God-focused (v. 18b)** — Our giving is worship—a sacrifice pleasing to God.

Think About It

- Since giving is an act of worship, what does the size and priority of my giving say about the value I place on God?
- What earthly treasure am I holding tightly that could become eternal fruit if I released it for God's purposes?

Historical picture: Hudson Taylor's burden for inland China illustrates a heart that looked beyond comfort and resources to eternal fruit and the glory of God.

3. The Outcome of a Missions-Minded Church

Philippians 4:19–23

- **God will meet their needs. (v. 19)**
- **God is glorified. (v. 20)**
- **Believers are edified. (vv. 21–23)**

Think About It

- Could there be people worshiping Christ today—or someday in eternity—because someone from Family Baptist Church prayed, gave, or went?
- When God provides for me financially, do I automatically increase my lifestyle, or do I ask whether He provided more so I can participate more deeply in His mission?

Historical picture: John G. Paton's ministry in the New Hebrides shows the long-term fruit of gospel partnership: needs supplied, believers strengthened, lives changed, and God glorified.

My Response This Week: Know them. Pray for them. Stand with them. Give generously. Think eternally. Trust God. Rejoice in gospel fruit.

If every member cared about missions as much as I do, what kind of missions ministry would our church have?