

# The Book of Philippians

Paul's Conclusion to the Philippians (4:4-23) (Part 12)

Paul Commended the Philippians (4:10-20) (Part B)

## The Discipline of Financial Stewardship (Part 2)

- I. The Foundations of Biblical Stewardship
- II. The Parameters of Biblical Stewardship
  - A. Time
  - B. Talents

**A Skill or Talent**      A human ability developed, learned, or acquired either consciously or unconsciously through one's physical and mental maturation and interaction with others, whose results are explicable through human categories.

**Spiritual Gift**      A special ability graciously granted to the believer by the Holy Spirit at the time of conversion in a particular area of encouragement to the body of Jesus Christ.

- 1. God's Use of Our Skills
  - a. Personal Talents
  - b. Workable Skills
- 2. God Gifts Us and Uses Our Gifts
  - a. The Background and Context
  - b. The Giving and Use of Spiritual Gifts
    - varieties      apportionment or division; allotment
    - ministries      service
    - effects      an action accomplished, something that is brought about
    - works      (verb form of "effects")

- C. Toil
  - 1. The Fact of Work
  - 2. The Difficulty of Work
  - 3. Work, Not Just a Male Thing
  - 4. Enjoying One's Labor
  - 5. Work, Whose the Real Boss
    - First, such obedience is not to be marked by hypocrisy or merely external performance.
    - Second, such obedience is done both sincerely and energetically with Christ as its object.
    - Third, the lack of such obedience will produce a negative payment.
- D. Treasure

1. Possessions Do Not Define One's Life
  2. Pursuing Riches Only Leads to Spiritual Poverty
  3. Possessions Are for Heaven's Sake
- III. The Accountability Factor of Biblical Stewardship