

# Where's Your Chair?

Philippians 4 15-23



I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.  
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.  
Psalm 116:15-16

## **Praising:**

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,  
in every part with praise,  
that my whole being may  
proclaim  
thy being and thy ways.

## **Reading:**

Philippians 4:15-23  
Giving

Most Christians shy away from talking about money. We tend to think of it as a slightly cheap topic of conversation for spiritual people, especially when we're supposed to believe that God will supply all our financial needs anyway. St Paul speaks in beautiful language of God receiving our money as an act of worship. But our giving is not only a pleasure to God, it is a blessing to the giver. So much so, that Paul's yearning is not for the

money itself, but for the spiritual profit the gift of that money will be to those who have made it. Perhaps most striking of all, is that having received the Philippians' final gift, Paul now has enough. We all have outgoings and overheads but 'enough' is surely a state of mind, rather than a state of personal finances?

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

As we give our money to the work of the Lord

- make us joyful for the delight it brings to our heavenly Father
- make us hopeful for the building up and advancement of Christ's kingdom
- make us grateful for the blessing we receive as we find it in our hearts to give

Father: I pray for the sort of generosity that gives and doesn't count the cost, not least of all because the more I give, the more I will sense your heavenly provision. Amen

## **Doing:**