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ATTENDANCE:	**July 27, 2008**
BIBLE CLASS:	**174**
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WORSHIP PM:	**177**
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Supply And Demand

"And my God shall supply all your need
according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

We have all heard of the proverbial money tree. That's the one that our children, when they are growing up, think we have in the backyard. When they want something, they ask us to get it for them. They do not understand the purpose and complications of money. They just know if dad or mom wants something, they go to the store and, presto, out of the purse or the billfold comes the cash. But that is only until they learn that you can just as easily buy stuff with a credit card. That's even better because you give it to the cashier and the cashier gives it back to you! (They keep the cash, you know.)

Who wouldn't go for a card you simply give to a cashier and get whatever you want and never, ever have to pay for it! If it sounds too good to be true, then you are probably correct. (A thief may get away with using someone else's credit card for a while, but eventually he will pay a far greater price for what he has stolen.) In this world, we seldom get something for nothing. That depends, of course, on what we are really wanting.

The church of Christ in Philippi was one of the poorer churches in the brotherhood because they lived in one of the poorer areas of the Roman Empire. But that did not stop them from being abundant contributors to the missionary work of the Apostle Paul. They gave, and they gave again (4:10). They gave of their material possessions, though they themselves had barely enough to get by on. Not only that, they paid Epaphroditus to go to Rome to minister to Paul. And they probably picked up the boat fare, too.

How could they do all of this? In the absence of a money tree, they simply made a commitment to use what they had to help spread the gospel and be benevolent to those who were "less fortunate" than themselves. They trusted that in doing God's work, God would somehow supply them with what they needed. And Paul proclaimed that God would supply everything they needed! God did not make them rich - they were still a materially poor congregation. However, God made them a conduit of His blessings to Paul and others, and, especially, to all who heard him preach and teach.

We should never think of God as being a money tree or a celestial Santa Claus who will give us everything we want to fulfill our carnal appetites. God has never dealt with His children that way. But He does say, "Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days" (Ecclesiastes 11:1), and "I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). Have you made a run on God's storehouse of blessings lately?

- Fred Riley, Jr.
- 07/27/08