



*Happy
Father's Day!*



Philippians



A photograph of the ancient ruins of Philippi, featuring several tall, weathered stone columns and low stone walls in the foreground. In the background, a steep, rocky mountain rises under a clear blue sky. The scene is set in a dry, hilly landscape with some greenery.

Philippians

Paul's Thank You Note

Do you ever have
cause to write
“thank you” notes?

Thank you





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HOW TO WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE: MESSAGE EXAMPLES & TIPS

1. Start with a salutation.



2. Get right to the point and express your thanks.



3. Mention a specific detail or two.



4. Look ahead.



5. Revisit the thanks & sign off.



Here's the backstory...



Roman imprisonment



The Philippians provided Paul important help



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A close-up, low-angle shot of a human hand reaching upwards. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The skin is dark and shows detailed texture. The background is a bright, hazy sky with soft, wispy clouds. A strong, warm light source, likely the sun, is visible in the upper right corner, creating a lens flare effect and illuminating the scene. A semi-transparent white rectangular box with rounded corners is overlaid on the upper part of the image, containing the text.

Paul's peculiar thank you
is thanking God!

Praise God from whom
ALL blessings flow...



Jms 1:17 Every good gift (πᾶσα δόσις) and every perfect gift (πᾶσα δόσις) is from above, coming down from the Father of lights



A close-up photograph of a heavy-duty, rusty metal bench vise. The vise is mounted on a green-painted metal surface. The handle is made of light-colored wood and has the word "times" written on it in black marker. The metal parts of the vise are dark and show signs of wear and rust. A white text box with the words "Even hard times" is overlaid on the center of the image.

times

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A close-up photograph of a heavy-duty, rusty metal vise. The handle is made of light-colored wood and has the word "times" written on it in black, handwritten-style letters. The vise is mounted on a green-painted metal surface. The background is a blurred, warm-toned wall.

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Gen 50:20 As for you, you meant evil (רעע) against me, but God meant it for good (טובה) , to bring it about that many people should be kept alive

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I thank God for you!



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“all” with no article = “each one”
“all with article and noun = collective whole

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Prayer transcends the
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Lk. 2:37

A conceptual image featuring two hands reaching towards each other. One hand is positioned at the top, reaching down, while the other is at the bottom, reaching up. The background is a split image: the top half shows a bright, cloudy sky with a sunburst effect, and the bottom half shows a deep blue ocean with white-capped waves and numerous bubbles. A semi-transparent white rectangular box with rounded corners is centered over the image, containing the text.

Prayer rightly seeks God's
help in specific needs

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A close-up, low-angle shot of a human hand reaching upwards, palm facing up. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The skin appears aged with visible wrinkles. The background is a bright, hazy sky with soft, white clouds and a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. A faint, diagonal light streak is visible on the right side of the image.

Paul's grateful for
the financial gift!

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A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground that reflects the surrounding environment. The middle ground is dominated by a steep hillside covered in a dense forest of trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and green. Interspersed among these are dark evergreen trees. In the background, rugged mountains with patches of snow or light-colored rock rise against a clear sky. The overall scene is peaceful and picturesque.

The beauty of true
community

Phil. 1:6 And I am sure of
this, that he who began
a good work in you will
bring it to completion at
the day of Jesus Christ.

Phil. 1:6 πεποιθὼς αὐτὸ
τοῦτο, ὅτι ὁ ἐναρξάμενος ἐν
ὑμῖν ἔργον ἀγαθὸν
ἐπιτελέσει ἄχρι ἡμέρας
Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ.

Thar's gold in them
thar hills!



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“I thank my God...”
(Phil. 1:3)

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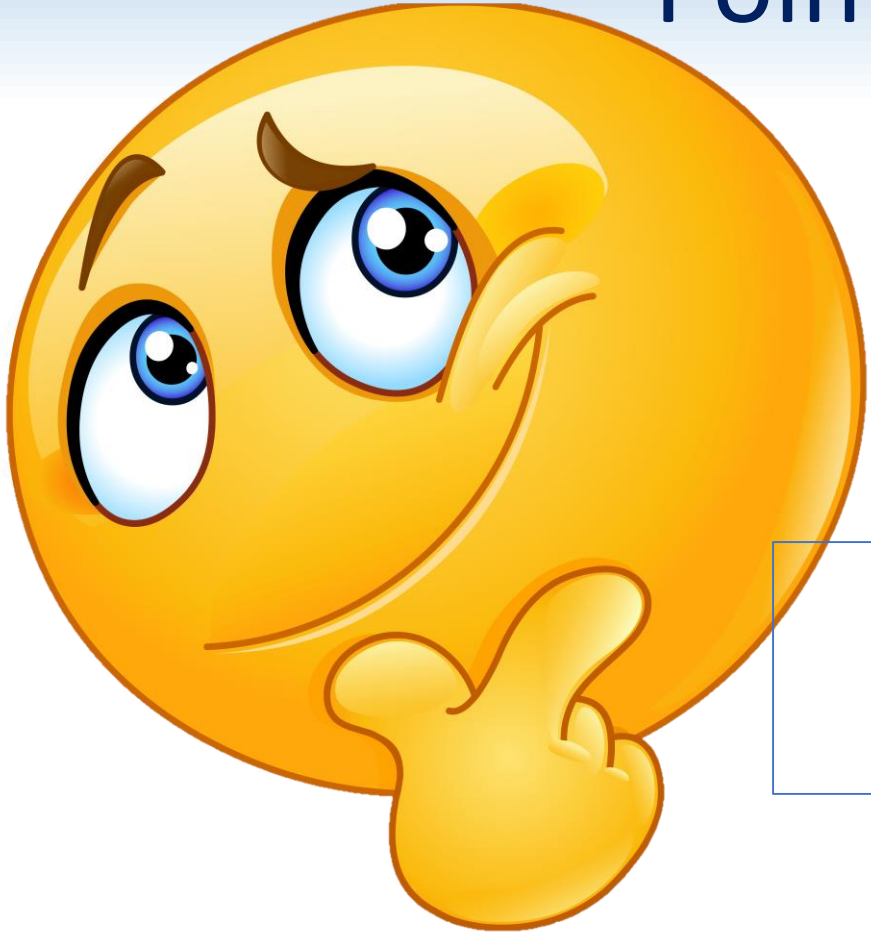
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Let's pray specifically!

“...in every prayer... making my prayer...” (Phil. 1:4)

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Let's find community

“...because of your partnership...”

Phil. 1:6

Time for church!

