**Welcome to Philippians: Suffering & Serving Joyfully**

**Session 13, Part 1: A Theology of Giving & Receiving**

**Philippians 4:10-23**

**Reluctance to Talk about Money**

* suspicious
* stereotype
* skeptical

***While Christians should be careful when teaching about money, they shouldn’t avoid talking about a subject that the Bible addresses frequently!***

**Challenges to Talking about Money**

* misguided assumptions
* radical prosperity
* low-level prosperity

***We need to trade prosperity theology and poverty theology for Biblical theology!***

**Six Words on Giving & Receiving**

**Gratitude (4:10)**

* avoid:
  + manipulation by rejoicing because of the people’s fruit and their relationship!
  + flattery by rejoicing in the Lord for the people!
  + silence by rejoicing in the Lord in front of the people!

***If someone has blessed you, thank God for them in front of them!***

**Contentment (4:11-13)**

* unconnected to circumstances
* learned by experiences
* rooted in a relationship with Christ

***Christian contentment is about believing Christ is enough!***