

Giving to Please God Notes

Philippians 4:14-23

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Main Point: Because we're partakers of grace and partners in the gospel, we're to participate in giving to God's work by practicing joyful generosity.

Six Principles to Guide Our Giving

1. The _____ of giving (vs. 14).
 - The word "yet" means "over and _____."
 - The word "share" refers to "fellowship or _____."
 - The Philippian church was _____ with Paul through happy and hard times.
2. The _____ of giving (vs. 15-16)
 - Faithful giving should be one of the _____ things we establish in our walk with Jesus.
 - Give back what God has given to you because you can't _____ God with your time, talents and treasures.
 - Paul didn't _____ them for support; the church knew about his need and responded before he could ask.
 - The word "cheerful" is the Greek word for "_____."
3. The _____ of giving (vs. 17).
 - While Paul was grateful for their gifts, he was even more thankful for what their giving was doing in their own _____.
 - Giving isn't about losing something; it is about gaining something you will never lose. Every gift given for the gospel is not subtracted, it is _____ (Matthew 6:19-21, Acts 20:35, 2 Corinthians 9:6).
4. The _____ of giving (vs. 18).
 - Giving to God's work is not merely a horizontal transaction – it is ultimately an act of vertical _____.
 - God receives our joyful generosity much like He received offering in the Old Testament – as sacred and holy acts of _____ which bring Him great pleasure.
 - Since everything we have belongs to Him, we're simply demonstrating that He is in first _____ in our lives by returning what is rightfully His in the first place.
5. The _____ of giving (vs. 19).
 - The word "supply" means "to fill to the _____, to furnish abundantly."
 - "Every need" refers to "all _____ of life."

- “According to His riches” reminds us that God’s riches are _____ and limitless.
 - Our giving so others can go with the gospel is all for His _____ (Psalm 72:19).
 - Because giving is something we get to do, it should be done joyfully, generously, regularly, proportionately, and _____.
6. The _____ of giving (vs. 21-22)
- Notice in verse 22 how their joyful generosity allowed the gospel to penetrate an _____ people group.
 - Through Pauls’ influence, guards and other officials responded to the gospel, and in turn, they shared the gospel with members of _____ own household (Philippians 1:12).

Action Steps

1. Make sure you’re giving out of delight, not duty.
2. Start giving something every week.
3. Take the tithing challenge, but don’t stop there.
4. Give to one of our Go Team Partners.
5. Serve with one of our local Go Team Partners.