



## Why Giving Matters

### Philippians 4:14-20

#### The Main Idea

Generous giving is a great \_\_\_\_\_.

4:14; CF. 4:10-13

**REMEMBER** → God is a generous giver, and our generosity \_\_\_\_\_ his generous \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 5:1-2

#### Myths About Giving

(1) I have to give \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7

(2) If I give, God will \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_.

Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 11:25; John 16:33; Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 6:4-8; 12:9-10; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:12-13

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(1) Giving allows us to \_\_\_\_\_ in others' \_\_\_\_\_.

4:14-16 (cf. 1:3-5); 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4; 9:12

(2) Giving is an outward display of our \_\_\_\_\_.

4:17; Galatians 5:22-23; cf. Matthew 6:19-24

(3) Giving is an act of \_\_\_\_\_.

4:18; Romans 12:1-3; Hebrews 13:15-16

(4) Giving is an expression of \_\_\_\_\_.

4:19-20; Genesis 22:8; 2 Corinthians 9:8



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### Philippians 4:14-20

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Generous giving is a great **GOOD**.

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**REMEMBER** → God is a generous giver, and our generosity **EMULATES** his generous **GRACE**.

Ephesians 5:1-2

#### Myths About Giving

(1) I have to give **10 PERCENT**.

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7

(2) If I give, God will **GIVE** me **MORE**.

Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 11:25; John 16:33; Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 6:4-8; 12:9-10; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:12-13

#### Why Giving Matters

(1) Giving allows us to **SHARE** in others' **NEEDS**.

4:14-16 (cf. 1:3-5); 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4; 9:12

(2) Giving is an outward display of our **FRUITFULNESS**.

4:17; Galatians 5:22-23; cf. Matthew 6:19-24

(3) Giving is an act of **WORSHIP**.

4:18; Romans 12:1-3; Hebrews 13:15-16

(4) Giving is an expression of **TRUST**.

4:19-20; Genesis 22:8; 2 Corinthians 9:8

## For Further Study

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### Getting Started

1. What do you think are some reasons why Christians might struggle in the area of generosity and giving?

### Digging Deeper

2. How might the following passages encourage someone who has fears when it comes to giving?

- Joshua 1:1-11
- Psalm 23:1-6
- Mathew 6:25-33

3. Read Paul's joyful outburst of praise in Ephesians 1:3-14.

- In what ways is God's generous grace highlighted here?
- How does Paul respond to God's grace in this passage?
- How might a Paul-like view of God's glorious grace help to grow your own joy in generous giving?

### Driving It Home

4. Given the encouragements from Sunday's text (Philippians 4:14-20) as well as the encouragements from this further study, what practical steps, if any, would you like to take in your own giving?