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**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

1. 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

**Why Giving Matters**

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

1. Giving is an outward display of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

1. Giving is an act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

1. Giving is an expression of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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**The Main Idea**

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

1. 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

1. Giving is an outward display of our **FRUITFULNESS**.

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

1. Giving is an act of **WORSHIP**.

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

1. 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**

1. 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
1. 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**

1. 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?