



“JOY in Generosity” (Philippians 4:14-23)

The happiest people on this planet are not the wealthiest people but the most generous people. Some are rich and some are poor, but most have a moderate income, and have learned how to find JOY in Generosity. (Acts 20:35)

Thesis Statement: If you will be generous (premise/vv14-18, 20-23) then God will be generous to you (promise/v19).

This is a Biblical principal that we see over and over again: Luke 6:38; 2Cor9: 6; Pro3:9-10; Pro11:25; Pro22:9

THE PREMISE: If You Will Be Generous (vv14-18, 20-23)

How Should We Be Generous with Our Finances?

Tithes (Mal3:8; Matt23:23), Offerings (Phil4:14-23), and Alms (Matt25:31-46).

Why Should We Be Generous with Our Finances?

- 1) My giving makes me a partner rather than a customer. v14; Gal6:2
- 2) My giving can make or break ministries like desert breeze. v15
- 3) My giving makes me more like Christ. v16; John3:16
- 4) My giving is an investment in eternity. v17; Gal6:7-9
- 5) My giving is an act of worship. v18
- 6) My giving helps to extend the family of God. vv20-23

THE PROMISE: God Will Be Generous to You (v19)

The Source: “And my God will...”

The Scope: “supply every need of yours...”

Three categories this does not include:

- Laziness. 2Thess3:10
- Meeting all your wants. James 4:3
- Foolishness. Pro17:16

Five Principles of Wise Financial Management: Budgeting (Pro21:5); Record Keeping (Pro27:23-24); True Wealth (Pro15:16-17); Self-control (Pro25:28); Generosity (Pro3:9-10).

The Supply: “according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 2Cor9:6-7; 2Cor8:9

Growing Notes

- 1) The happiest people on this planet are not the wealthiest people but the most generous people (Acts 20:35). Explain. Based on God’s standards which of these characterize our culture: Contentment or Covetousness, Generosity or Greediness? How does our culture impact us?
- 2) Read Philippians 4:14-23. In this last passage of Philippians is one of the greatest promises in the Bible. Why do you think this promise is not for every Christian? What is the premise to this promise (vv14-18, 20-23)? How is this a Biblical principal throughout scripture (Luke 6:38; 2Cor9:6; Pro3:9-10; Pro11:25; Pro22:9)?
- 3) THE PREMISE: If You Will Be Generous (vv14-18, 20-23). In what three ways should we be generous? Review the six reasons why we should be generous with our finances. Which one(s) motivate you the most to be generous?
- 4) THE PROMISE: God Will Be Generous to You (v19). Who is The Source for our supply of every need (Matt6:31-33; Ps121; Ps23)? What is The Scope of God’s provision and what three categories does this not include?
- 5) What are the Five Principles of Wise Financial Management and why are they important? What does it mean that The Supply is according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus? Read 2Cor9:6-7. Why should we be “Cheerful Givers” (2Cor8:9)? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.