

YOUR GIVING IS YOUR GAIN

Philippians 4:14-23

INTRO

-Story: I want to introduce you to Homer & Langley Collyer [pic]

-Hoarding is a horrible way to live; Giving is in your best interest (Phil. 4:14-23)

(v. 14-16)

I. Your Giving Can Build Up the Church

EXP: The Philippians Giving Built Up the Church (“you alone partnered” “once again”)

ILL: NGC’s Giving Is Building Up the Church (church planting vision; generosity to me)

APP: Your Giving Can Build the Church (ministries of NGC; time/talent/treasure)

(v. 17-18)

II. Your Giving is Your Gain

EXP: The Philippians Giving Was Their Gain (“increases to your credit” “fragrant offering”)

PRV: Two Objections “Stuff Will Make Me Happier” “I’m Not a Hoarder”

ILL: Don’t Be Like the Collyers (your hoarding won’t make you happy)

APP: Your Giving Is Your Gain (invest in your divine portfolio; eternal vs temporary)

(v. 19-23)

III. Your Giving Can’t Outgive God

EXP: The Philippians Couldn’t Outgive God (“supply every need” “riches in glory”)

PRV: We’re Afraid God Won’t Give (God’s richer than you; more generous than you)

ILL: Scarcity vs Abundance Mindset (God’s not like the Collyer brothers)

APP: Your Giving Can’t Outgive God (image-bearing/formation; generosity precedes gratitude)

INVITATION

The One Who Gave Himself