

GOD'S PROMISE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS
How to Enjoy the Rest of Your Life – Part 11

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. [15] Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; [16] for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. [17] Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. [18] I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. [19] And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. [20] To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Philippians 4:14-20 (NIV)

I. THE PREMISE (vs. 14-18): _____
"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

"Give to others, and God will give to you...The measure you use for others is the one God will use for you." Luke 6:38 (GN)

The Value of Generosity

1. MY GIVING IS _____ **(vs. 14-16)**
"It was good of you to share in my troubles...as you Philippians know, in the early days...not one church shared with me in the mater of giving and receiving, except you only, for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need."

*Philippians 1:3, 5 - "partners in ministry"
2 Corinthians 8:1-5 - a great reputation!*

2. MY GIVING IS _____ **(vs. 17)**
"Though I appreciate your gifts, what makes me happiest is the well-earned reward you will have because of your kindness." vs. 17 (LB)

"...I want to see profit added to your account" (GN)

"...Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven -- it is the only safe investment for eternity!" 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB)

3. MY GIVING IS _____ **(vs. 18)**

"I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, and acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God." Matthew 25:40

II. THE PROMISE (vs. 19): _____

The Source: *"And my God will..."*

The Scope: *"...will meet all your needs..."*

This doesn't include:

- _____ (2 Thess. 3:10)
 - For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NKJV)
 - While we were with you, we gave you the order: "Whoever doesn't want to work shouldn't be allowed to eat." 2 Thessalonians 3:10 (GW)
- _____ (James 4:3)
 - And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. James 4:3 (NLT)

It does cover: _____

- *Matthew 6:25-33*
- *1 John 5:14-15 (NIV) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. [15] And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.*

The Supply: *"according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*

"Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give whatever he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make ALL grace abound to you, so that in ALL things, at ALL times, having ALL that you need, you will abound in EVERY good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8