

When Money is Tight: This series is designed to help us be great stewards of the mammon that God has blessed upon us. When money is tight or abundant, God expects us to steward his money wisely.

Please read: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

¹⁰ God is the one who gives seed to those who plant, and he gives bread for food. And God will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will produce a great harvest from your goodness. ¹¹ God will make you rich in every way so that you can always give freely. And your giving through us will make people give thanks to God.

¹² The service you are offering helps God's people with their needs, but that is not all it does. It is also bringing more and more thanks to God. ¹³ This service is proof of your faith, and people will praise God because of it. They will praise God that you freely share what you have with them and with all people. They will praise him to see you following the Good News about Christ that you openly accepted. They will praise God because you freely share with them and with all people. ¹⁴ And when they pray, they will wish they could be with you. They will feel this way because of the great grace that God gave them. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his gift that is too wonderful to describe.

Please read: Philippians 4:10-20

¹⁰ I am so happy, and I thank the Lord that you have again shown your care for me. You continued to care about me, but there was no way

for you to show it. ¹¹ I am telling you this, but not because I need something. I have learned to be satisfied with what I have and with whatever happens. ¹² I know how to live when I am poor and when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of how to live through any kind of situation—when I have enough to eat or when I am hungry when I have everything, I need or when I have nothing. ¹³ Christ is the one who gives me the strength I need to do whatever I must do.

¹⁴ But it was good that you helped me when I needed help. ¹⁵ You people in Philippi remember when I first told the Good News there. When I left Macedonia, you were the only church that gave me help. ¹⁶ Several times you sent me things I needed when I was in Thessalonica. ¹⁷ Really, it is not that I want to get gifts from you. But I want you to have the benefit that comes from giving. ¹⁸ I have everything I need. I have even more than I need. I have all I need because Epaphroditus brought your gift to me. Your gift is like a sweet-smelling sacrifice offered to God. God accepts that sacrifice and it pleases him. ¹⁹ My God will use his glorious riches to give you everything you need. He will do this through Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Glory to our God and Father forever and ever. Amen.

Please read: Psalm 106:1-5

Praise the LORD!

Give thanks to the LORD because he is good!

His faithful love will last forever!

² No one can describe how great the LORD is.

No one can praise him enough.

³ Those who obey his commands are happy.

They do good things all the time.

⁴ LORD, remember me when you show kindness to your people.

Remember to save me too!

⁵ Let me share in the good things

that you do for your chosen people.

Let me rejoice with your nation.

Let me join with your people in praise.