

Living a Generous Life
God's Promise to the Generous
Discover Church
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"You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding yours, in the glory that pours from Jesus." Philippians 4:19

"And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us." 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

"The kind and generous man benefits himself." Proverbs 11:17

6 BENEFITS OF LIVING A GENEROUS LIFE

1. I **earn** the gratitude of **others**

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to God...because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News ...It is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a very special place in my heart. We have shared together the blessings of God." Philippians 1:3, 5, 7

2. I show what really **matters** most.

"I want you to understand what really matters." Philippians 1:10

"We're citizens of heaven where the Lord Jesus Christ lives." Philippians 3:20

3. I become more like **Jesus**

"Your lives will be filled with the truly good qualities which only Jesus Christ can produce, for the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:11

"Don't just look out for your own interests, but look also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:4-5

4. I **strengthen** my faith

"Do not worry about anything, instead pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks." Philippians 4:6

5. I invest in my **eternal** home.

“Though I appreciate your gifts, what makes me happiest is the well-earned reward you will receive because of your generosity.” Philippians 4:17

“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

6. I make God **smile**

“Your gifts are like a fragrant offering to God, a sacrifice that God accepts, and is pleasing to Him.” Philippians 4:18

THE PROMISE: *“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19*

2 WAYS TO BE GENEROUS

1. By **reason**
2. By **revelation**