

Giving Grace

Philippians 4:19 (NASB) "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NASB) "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."

First: THE PREMISE: I must be GENEROUS to others.

Proverbs 11:25 (NLT) "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

Luke 6:38 (NLT) "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

1. My Giving is an ENCOURAGEMENT to others.

Philippians 4:14-16 (NASB) "Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction. You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs."

Results of giving:

Giving gives us a wider ministry than we would normally have.

Giving makes us like Christ.

2. My Giving is an INVESTMENT in the future.

Philippians 4:17 (NASB) "Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. "

II Timothy 6:18-19 (NLT) "Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life."

3. My Giving is a SACRIFICE to God vs. 18

Philippians 4:18 (NASB) "But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God."

Second: THE PROMISE: Grace meeting my EVERY need.

Philippians 4:19 (NASB) "My God will supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

The SOURCE:

Philippians 4:19 (NASB) "MY GOD WILL supply..."



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The SCOPE:

Philippians 4:19 (NASB) "... ALL YOUR NEEDS ..."

1. This does not include the consequences of laziness.

I Thessalonians 3:10 (NLT) "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat."

2. This does not cover all your wants.

The SUPPLY:

Philippians 4:19 (NASB) "... ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS RICHES IN CHRIST JESUS."

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB) "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 about in EVERY good work."

2 Corinthians 8:9 & 11 (NASB) "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich....For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. "

Invitation:

Application:

Are you obeying the premise attached to the promise?

Do you expect God to meet your needs yet you remain disobedient to the "law of the harvest"?

What do you need to do to practice generosity?

What have you stored up in your account in Heaven?

Has your life been a fragrant aroma that brings blessing to God and to others?

What has God shown you through this lesson?

What do you need to do to adjust your life to accommodate His grace?

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19 (NASB) "My God will supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

