

The Model & Motivation For Generosity

Philippians 4:14-19

- I. The Exhortations you need to heed to experience the Protection of God: (4:1-3)
- II. The Exhortations you need to heed to experience the Peace of God: (4:4-6)
- III. The Exhortations you need to heed to experience the Presence of God: (4:8-9)
- IV. The Example you need to follow to experience the Provision of God: (4:10-13)

- V. The Example you need to follow to experience the Pat on the back from God: (4:14-18)

Premise:

- Giving money is only one way to be generous. God wants to us to use our time, talents and treasures for Him.
- You don't need to be rich to be generous. Generosity is an issue of the heart not the wallet.
- Being generous does NOT make or mean you are saved or even spiritual.

A. The model for generosity: The example explained (4:14-16)

1. The Example was the Philippians sharing a financial _____ with Paul and his
Evaluation was they did _____. (14)

- Are you expressing thanks to other believers and encouraging them in the Lord?

- What should be our motivation for sharing or ministering to others?

- What do we as Christians need to be careful to avoid?

2. Paul commended the Philippians for their gift because it was _____ &
_____ (15)

- God has given you a ministry how are you using your unique position and gifts to serve others?

3. Paul commended the Philippians for their gift because it was _____ &
_____ (16)

- When you see someone in need are you quick to jump in to help?

B. The motivation for generosity: The Result of Sharing (4:17-18)

1. Benefits YOU: The results for the person _____ financially is actually an _____ account.

- What account?
- Does this mean our bank account will increase and we will never have financial problems?

2. Benefits OTHERS: The results for the person _____ the gift is a met _____, and should be an attitude overflowing _____.

- Do you express thanks when someone ministers to you?
- What if we don't get a thanks?

3. Pleases GOD: Ultimately our giving is not for our _____ gain to receive praise from _____, but we should aim to please _____.

- What is a sacrifice?
- Are we to offer sacrifices today?