

Sermon Title:

"Giving Generously in Tough Times"

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(Part 2)

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Sermon Text:

Philippians 4:14-20

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Introduction/Review:

I. We Must Identify The Premise (4:14-18)

II. We Must Clarify The _____ (4:19-20)

*The **premise** is all about what _____ expects of _____.*

*The **promise** is all about what _____ can expect from _____.*

A. The _____ of God's promise (v. 19a)

- **The Greek conjunction "and" is important for two reasons:** 1) It shows that this verse is closely _____ with the verses that precede it; 2) it indicates that the financial giving of the Philippians had resulted in their own _____.

- **What is the significance of Paul's use of the words, "and my God shall . . . "?**

"Paul knew from personal experience that you can't outgive God! No matter what he had given or given up, God had faithfully met all of his needs, and therefore he was confident that He would do the same for the Philippians."

- Paul was holding out to His dear friends in the faith the _____ of the _____ of God!

B. The _____ of God's promise (v. 19b)

- What does the word translated "**supply**" mean?
- The expression "**my God**" gives assurance that one who is _____ to God will have his _____ (Matthew 7:7; 21:22)
- **Why is it that a believer can be confident that his needs will be supplied?**
- What are the specific needs that Paul says God is going to supply? (II Corinthians 9:6)

"I urge you, don't let your circumstances overwhelm your faith and obedience. Honor God and He will honor you!"

C. The _____ of God's promise (v. 19c)

- The phrase, "**according to His riches**" refers both to the _____ and to the _____ by which God will supply our needs.
- How vast is the wealth of God? (Isaiah 45:3; Romans 11:33)

- *If we would really and truly grasp the truth of this great text, then _____, _____, and _____ would be banished from our lives!*
- What does the phrase “*in glory*” suggest?

“It is impossible to have a need that is too great for God to supply!” (Romans 8:32; Proverbs 3:9-10; 11:24-25; Malachi 3:10)

- Don’t _____ God of the opportunity of demonstrating His _____ in your life!

Conclusion:

What is it that motivates us to give? Three things:

- 1) *The overflowing _____ of our hearts!* (vv. 14-18)
- 2) *The priceless _____ of having our needs met!* (v. 19)
- 3) *The infinite _____ of our great and awesome God!* (v. 20)

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.