
SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:10-20

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Please take a moment together as a group to read this Scripture passage.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When you think of generosity, is there someone who comes to mind?
Maybe someone who exemplified this in front of you?
2. What is the attitude of your heart as it pertains to giving?
3. Is there an active burden in your heart that is “locked and loaded,” ready as soon as the right opportunity comes along to be generous?
4. Do you think generosity has to be manufactured in your life or merely released?
5. How has generosity led you to respond to the movement of God?
6. How has generosity helped you to respond to the needs of others?
7. Is there an area of my life where I find it difficult to be generous?
8. To whom or what is the Lord asking me to be more generous?