

## GOD WILL MEET MY NEEDS

Philippians 4:14-20 (May 5, 2024)

...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.

<sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### I. THE PREMISE: \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>25</sup> A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. **Proverbs 11:25**

<sup>38</sup> Give to others, and God will give to you... The measure you use for others is the one God will use for you. **Luke 6:38 (GN)**

### THE VALUE OF GENEROSITY

1. MY GIVING IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ TO OTHERS.

#### Partner in ministry

<sup>3-5</sup> It was good of you to share in my troubles... as you Philippians know, in the early days... 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 again and again when I was in need. **Philippians 4:14-16**

#### A great reputation

<sup>1-5</sup> And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And 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**

2. MY GIVING IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE FUTURE.

"Though I appreciate your gifts, what makes me happiest is the well-earned reward you will have because of your kindness." v17 (LB)

"...I want to see profit added to your account." (GN)

<sup>18-19</sup> ...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 (LB)**

3. MY GIVING IS A \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD.

<sup>18</sup> I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, and acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. **Philippians 4:18**

### II. THE PROMISE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS RICHES IN CHRIST JESUS.

**The Source:** "And my God will..."

**The Scope:** "...will meet all your needs..."

#### THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE:

(1) CONSEQUENCES OF LAZINESS

<sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. **1 Thessalonians 3:10**

(2) ALL OUR WANTS

<sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. **James 4:3**

#### IT DOES COVER: ALL LEGITIMATE NEEDS

<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33**

<sup>14-15</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. **1 John 5:14-15**

#### THE SUPPLY: "ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS RICHES IN CHRIST JESUS"

<sup>6-8</sup> Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give whatever he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. 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 abound in EVERY good work. **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

### Questions for discussion

1. What does Jesus want us to learn from what He said about the widow's mite? (Mark 12:41-44)
2. Is it wrong to do charitable giving for tax deduction purposes?
3. What is the difference between tithes and offerings?\* (**Leviticus 27:30**; Numbers 18:26; Deuteronomy 14:24; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
4. (**Personal application**) How can I become a more cheerful giver? (Luke 6:38; Psalm 112:5; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

### I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

### OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

### NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to have a talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject in life.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

### ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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\*An offering is that which is freely given by Christians to the work of the Lord, the local church, and/or ministries and missions. But offerings are far more than simply the check we write on Sunday. We are to offer much more to God than our monetary resources. (Romans 12:1; Romans 6:13)