

Series: A Glorious Grace: Generosity & Grace

Message: Grace, Generosity and Faith, Part 1

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-19 (NASB)

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Philippians 4:10-19

¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹ Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.

¹⁵ 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;

¹⁶ for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

1. There's A Certain Kind Of Spiritual Growth That Comes Only As A Result Of The Adventure Of Giving Motivated By Grace.

- 1) Pain and loss
- 2) Use of Spiritual Gifts
- 3) Personal Disciplines
- 4) Generous Giving

2. Without Periodic Encounters With God Regarding Our Financial Faith Walk, We Tend To Revert Back To Sight-Walking.
3. God's Provision For His People Is In Part Connected To Their Financial Faith Walk. Phil. 4:10-19

Next Week:

- 1) God Has Given A Promissory Note Guaranteeing He Will Meet The Needs Of All Christians Who Qualify.
- 2) The Believers Who Qualify For This Provision Are Those Whose Use Of Life And Resources Reflect A Theocratic Generosity.
- 3) "God's Riches In Glory In Christ Jesus" Is The Collateral Upon Which His Promise Is Made.
- 4) God' Promissory Note Will Never Be Redeemed Without A Demonstration Of Faith.

He will use these when he introduces communion:

1. True Spiritual Life Can Not Be Experienced Outside A Covenant Relationship With God.
2. True Spiritual Life Can Only Be Sustained By God's Grace Supplying An Already Existing God-Given Faith.
3. Communion Is A Primary Means Of Grace Designed To Enhance One's Faith.
4. Communion Tells The Story Of God's Side Of The Covenant Friendship, Compelling Us To Keep Our Side.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:26

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:27-31

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.