

SERMON NOTES

Series: Joy No Matter What

Title: God's Promise to the
Generous (2)

Text: Philippians 4:14-20

Topic: The Benefits of Generosity

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When you are generous...1. You will receive the gratitude of others. 2. It shows what you really value most. 3. You become more like Jesus.

4. IT STRENGTHENS YOUR FAITH

“Do not worry about anything, instead pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks.” Philippians 4:6

5. YOU ARE INVESTING IN YOUR ETERNAL HOME

How do you “store up in Heaven”? ...by investing in people who are going there.

“Though I appreciate your gifts, what makes me happiest is the well-earned reward you will receive because of your generosity.”
Philippians 4:17

“He who gives to the poor loans to the Lord and he will repay.”
Proverbs 19:17

“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 Tim. 6:18-19

God doesn't really want your money. God wants your heart.

6. YOU MAKE GOD SMILE

“Your gifts are like a fragrant offering to God, a sacrifice that God accepts, and is pleasing to Him.” Philippians 4:18.

God is watching you every day to see what you do with what He's given you.

“You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding yours, in the glory that pours from Jesus. Glory to God forever and ever!” Ph. 4:19 (TM)

There are two ways to be generous.

1. **Give by reason.** You go to your check book and ask yourself, “What can I afford to give?” You determine what is reasonable.
2. **Give by revelation.** You go to the Lord and ask, “Lord what do *you want to give, through me*, to meet this?” Most often God's going to reveal to you an amount that's beyond what you think you can afford so it forces you to trust him.

*There's more happiness
in giving than in receiving!*

– Jesus (Acts 20:35b)