

Today's Theme

"MORE Generosity"

Series Title

"Finding Joy In Life" Part 28

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What God Says About *Generous* People

1. **Generous people build great *friendships*.**
2. **Generous people are *rare*.**
3. **Generous people are *blessed* by God.**
4. **GP's *honor* God when generous.**

Phil 4:18 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.

- (1) Giving is an *act of love* that honors God.
- (2) Giving is *costly* & shows we value God.
- (3) Giving brings *pleasure* to God.

5. GP's are taken care of by God.

Phil 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

- (1) God has *unlimited* resources.
- (2) A giver is guaranteed God's *provision*.
- (3) *Happiest* people are *generous* people.

2 Cor 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

6. Net *result* of generosity is *praise* to God.

Phil 4:20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Cor 9:11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

When we financially *support* God's work

1. We *expand* the influence of *Jesus*.
2. We deepen *love* for what we *support*.
3. We break the *grip* of *greed* in our life.
4. We *store up treasures* in heaven.
5. God entrusts us with *greater* influence.
6. We enable God to *bless* us even *more*.
7. We're filled w/*joy* as God *grows* our *impact*.