



Reference: Phil. 4:10-23

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INTRODUCTION

This week we will be talking about unlocking the power of generosity. Living generously is one of the ways we as believers move beyond happy to experience joy. It is however, one of the most neglected values at times in modern Christianity. Let's discuss this week what Paul teaches about unlocking the power of generosity.

ICE BREAKER

What is the best gift you have ever given someone?

QUESTIONS

- 1) Before we discuss this week's subject further, should the way a Christian handles his finances look different than the rest of the world? Why then do you think that sometimes there is no difference?
- 2.) Pastor John taught us that Contentment paves the way for Generosity. Read Phil. 4:10-13, what momentarily kept the Philippian church from being able to give? (v.10)
- 3.) We learned that our ability to be generous will always be tied to our level of contentment with what God has given us. Do you at times struggle to be generous? Why do you think that is? What might be stealing your contentment in life?
- 4.) We also learned that generosity is a wise investment strategy. Read Phil. 4:14-17, in v.17 Paul states that what happens when we give a gift? Read Matt. 6:19-21 and Luke 14:13-14; when we live generously we gain treasures where?
- 5.) Is the way you give and live generously right now storing more treasures for yourself in this world or the next? How can you change that?
- 6.) Lastly we learned that God always provides for the generous. Read v.18-23, what does Paul tell the church in v.19? The context of this promise is key, Paul had just finished praising the Philippians for doing what? Therefore, this promise applies to those who do what?
- 7.) We talked about giving God the first 10% and believing He will provide through the rest. Do you believe that God can do more with your 90% than you can do with 100%? If we are managers of God's money is there any reason not to do what He commands with it? How can you either continue or start to be a faithful manager of God's money?

For Further Reading: Prov. 30:8-9; Psalm 24:1; Rom. 6:23