

## ***Generosity for the Glory of God***

**Philippians 4:10-20**

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### Main Point:

Because God promises to provide for you, glorify Him by generously meeting the needs of your brethren.

1. Generosity is well-pleasing to God.
2. In order to generously meet the needs of your brethren, you need to enter into their lives.
3. Generously meet the needs of your brethren as you have opportunity.
4. Generously meet the needs of your brethren repeatedly.
5. Generously meeting the needs of your brethren requires sacrifice on your part.
6. Generously meet the needs of your brethren because God generously provides for you in Christ Jesus.

## **Quotations and Cross-References**

**Hebrews 13:16** <sup>16</sup> But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (NKJV)

**Sinclair Ferguson** “They [the Philippians] were not merely supporters, far less financiers; they were yoked together with him, sharing as they were able in his sufferings and in the relief of them.”

**2 Corinthians 8:1-5** <sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: <sup>2</sup> that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. <sup>3</sup> For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, <sup>4</sup> imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. <sup>5</sup> And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God. (NKJV)

**Mark 12:43-44** <sup>43</sup> So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> "for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood." (NKJV)

**William Hendriksen** “This loving care, this glorious help in need, is based on the merits of Christ Jesus.”

**Paul Tripp** “The call to give sacrificially is rooted in God’s promise to provide for all our needs.”

**William Hendriksen** “To be sure, God was taking care of Paul, but one of the ways in which he was providing for him was the gift from Philippi which Paul here acknowledges.”