Sermon Notes and Daily Devotional
First Congregational Church of Woodstock

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Morning Worship Service:

Philippians 4: 14 – 20

Serving in the Lord's Treasury, Part II

1. As Stewards We Should Give Significant Portions to God.

2. As Stewards We Should Give Sacrificially to the Lord.

3. As Stewards We Should Give Responsibly to His Work.

CONCLUSION: God has given us three guidelines for our giving. We have the guideline of our tithes and offerings. There is the guideline of giving sacrificially. We are also to give responsibly. These guides help us steward the resources God has entrusted to us in ways that honor our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. They are not penalties for being Christians, but a blessing that enables us to grow in our trust that Jesus will provide all that we need until we meet Him in glory.

Galatians 6: 6 – 10

[6] Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who
teaches. [7] Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that
will he also reap. [8] For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh
reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap
eternal life. [9] And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we
will reap, if we do not give up. [10] So then, as we have opportunity, let us do
good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Philippians 4: 14 – 20

[14] Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. [15] And you Philippians yourselves
know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church
entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you
only. [16] Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and
again. [17] Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your
credit. [18] I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having
received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice
acceptable and pleasing to God. [19] And my God will supply every need of
yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20] To our God and Father
be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 16: 10 – 15

[10] "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is
dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. [11] If then you have not been
faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true
riches? [12] And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will
give you that which is your own? [13] **No servant can serve two masters**, for
either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one
and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

[14] The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and
they ridiculed him. [15] And he said to them, "You are those who justify
yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among
men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

What guides you in your giving to the Lord? Do you see the material resources God has given to your care as a privilege and responsibility to steward for His glory and our enjoyment? How does the gospel of Jesus free us to give in significant proportions?

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Philippians 4:14-20**; **Genesis 39:1-6**; **Gal 6:6-10**. DISCUSS, What is stewardship? How does our faithful management and enjoyment of Christ's resources demonstrate His lordship? PRAY "Jesus, You are Lord of all. Please help us to submit to You in every aspect of our lives, individually, in our families, and together as a congregation at FCCW." *Happy Mothers' Day to all our moms and grandmoms!*

Sunday Evening

Young Adults Fellowship at **6:00** pm. *Please come to FCCW's Library!*

Monday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20**; **Genesis 14:17-24**; **Hebrews 5:5-10**; **7:1-10**. DISCUSS, Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything. Why? How is Jesus connected to Melchizedek? Can you see how the tithe and various offerings are still a *beginning* of our gifts to Christ? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. PRAY, "Lord, You give us the incredible privilege of managing and enjoying Your resources. Help us to do so faithfully."

Tuesday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20**; **Deuteronomy 12:3-7**; **First John 5:20-21**. DISCUSS, Notice how God tells us both what not to do and what to do. We are not to worship like our pagan neighbors. How are we to worship? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for being a trustworthy and good master. Teach us to be faithful to You."

Wednesday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20**; **2Corinthians 8:1-15** DISCUSS, How did Christ give to us? How are we to give likewise? What does this mean for us as His stewards? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for fulfilling all that You promised. *You are a good and faithful Lord*! Help us serve you well."

Thursday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20**; **Luke 16:10-15**. DISCUSS, How do we lay up treasures in heaven? How does this demonstrate our being co-heirs with Christ? How much are you giving to the Lord through FCCW? 10%, 20%, 30% or more? Why? How does that show Christ's Lordship? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. PRAY, "Lord, enable us to walk in Your ways. Guide us in Your truth."

Friday

READ **Philippians 4:14-20**; **Romans 12:1-8**. DISCUSS, Who determines which gifts we receive? What are we supposed to use them for? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 4:1-2**. PRAY for faithfulness at FCCW and revival throughout the area.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **First Corinthians 12:12-27**. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors too!

First Corinthians 4: 1 – 2

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of **stewards** that they be **found faithful**."