

The Joy of Generosity

Philippians 4:18-20

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Joy/FULL Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Jesus said that we are more blessed to give than to receive. But for many people, we actually think the opposite. We desire things and make little room in our lives for generosity. And we wonder why things don't make us happy. As we close out our series in the book of Philippians, we see the great joy of generosity.

REALIZE

1. Keep your focus.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 4:8-20
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How does Paul's life challenge how I live?

2. Learn to be content.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 4:8-20; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; John 15:5
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How does Paul's life challenge how I live?

3. Watch the Lord supply.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 4:8-20
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How can I be more generous?

4. Love one another.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 4:8-20; 1 John 4:7-11
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Who is Jesus inviting me to love more deeply?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?

- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?