

“FULL AND OVERFLOWING”

“EXPERIENCING AND EXPRESSING THE GENEROSITY OF GOD”

Paul's Final Words of Encouragement to the Church at Philippi

PART 4

“THE GRACE OF GENEROSITY”

“Relying on the Ever Available and Ever Abundant Riches of Christ”

(Philippians 4:10-20)

INTRODUCTION:

OVERVIEW OF AND BACKGROUND TO THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS:

“Joy for the Journey: Experiencing the Firstfruits of our Heavenly Citizenship”

- Learning to **sing** in the midst of **suffering**: Three affirmations which marked the life of Paul and provided the basis for his remarkable joy:

1. God **led** me here. (Acts 16:6-12)
2. God **is with** me here. (Acts 16:19-27)
3. God **can use** me here. (Acts 16:13-18, 28-40)

WEEK 1: JOY BREAKERS (4:2-9)

“Restoring the Flow of Christ's Joy in Your Life” (Philippians 4:2-9)

1. Joy Breaker #1: **Disharmony** in the **Body**. **(4:2,3)**
2. Joy Breaker #2: **Anxiety** in the **Heart**. **(4:5-7)**
3. Joy Breaker #3: **Impurity** in the **Mind**. **(4:8, 9)**

WEEK 2: THE PROMISE OF SURPASSING PEACE (4:5-7)

“Lifting the Weight of Worry” (Philippians 4:10-20)

- The Principle: The way to be anxious for nothing is to be **prayerful** about **everything** in a spirit of **thanksgiving**.

WEEK 3: CONTENTMENT (4:10-20)

“Learning to Be Fully Satisfied with Christ Alone” (Philippians 4:10-20)

- **Contentment** is... a mark of **spiritual maturity** evidenced by a **thankful spirit** regardless of **temporal circumstances** because Christ has become one's **source of strength and sufficiency**.

- We can never fully experience the _____ and _____ of generosity until we learn the principle of _____.

1A. THE _____ PRINCIPLE (4:14-16)

“Nevertheless, you have done well to share [with me] in my affliction. And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent [a gift] more than once for my needs.”

—Philippians 4:14-16

- Giving is an _____ of _____.

2A. THE _____ PRINCIPLE (4:14-17)

“Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.”

—Philippians 4:17

- Giving is an _____ in _____.

3A. THE _____ PRINCIPLE (4:18)

*“But I have received everything in full, and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a **fragrant aroma**, an **acceptable sacrifice**, well-pleasing to God.”*

—Philippians 4:18

- Giving is an _____ of _____.

4A. THE _____ PRINCIPLE (4:19)

“And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 4:19

- Giving is an _____ of _____.

CONCLUSION:

- Learning to give generously is a consequence of three issues:
_____, _____ and _____.