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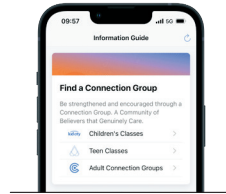


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THE CHURCH THAT CARES

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Text: Philippians 4:10–19

“But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:10–19)

INTRODUCTION

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6:38)

1. GIVING IS _____ (v. 10,14)

A. A _____ Care (v. 10a)

“I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.” (2 Corinthians 8:8)

B. A _____ Care (v. 10b)

Quote: “Ministry take place when divine resources flow through human channels to the glory of God.”—Warren Wiersbe

C. _____ Care (v. 14)

Communicate—*koinōneō* – to come into communion or fellowship with, to associate or share with, especially financially—a gift jointly contributed.

“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

“For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality” (2 Corinthians 8:12–14)

2. GIVING IS _____ (v 15–16)

Quote: “You can give without loving, but you can’t love without giving.”

—Amy Carmichael

A. The _____ of Giving (v. 15a)

“But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places” (Philippians 1:12–13)

Quote: “When we come to the end of life, the question will be, “How much have you given?” not “How much have you gotten?”—George Sweeting

B. The _____ of Giving (v. 15)

“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16)

“Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.” (Galatians 6:6)

“Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.” (Romans 12:13)

C. The _____ in Giving

“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.” (2 Corinthians 8:1–2)

3. GIVING IS _____ (v. 17–18)

A. Produced _____ to Their Account (v. 17)

Quote: One of the great joys of giving financially through the local church is the eternal benefit that Paul alludes to here. Anyone who supports God's work will have fruit to their account in Heaven.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10)

B. Pleased the _____ (v. 18)

"Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you, And will make an offering by fire unto the Lord, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the Lord, of the herd, or of the flock" (Numbers 15:2–3)

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Quote: There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving, and thanks giving. Grudge giving says, 'I have to'; duty giving says, 'I ought to'; thanksgiving says, 'I want to'

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices" (1 Peter 2:5)

FOUR SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES

1. Our Praise

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” (Hebrews 13:15)

2. Our Prayers

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men” (1 Timothy 2:1)

3. Our Person

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1)

4. Our Possession (v. 18)

“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased” (Hebrews 13:16)

THREE WAYS WE GIVE

1. Regular Tithes and Offerings

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be meat in mine house, And prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, If I will not open you the windows of heaven, And pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” (Malachi 3:10)

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

2. Missions

“Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints” (2 Corinthians 8:4)

3. Building / Gideon Soldiers

“Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king’s work, offered willingly” (1 Chronicles 29:6)

4. GIVING IS _____ (v. 19)

A. Provision in This _____ (v. 19a)

B. Provision According to His _____ (v. 19b)

“And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.” (2Kings 4:6)

CONCLUSION

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time ” (1Timothy 2:5-6)



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