

The Joy of Giving and Receiving

Philippians 4:14-23

Taking it Home:

1. Review your checkbook. With Philippians 4:19 in mind, in what way is your giving a reflection of your trust in God? How do you feel about what you have discovered? Are there any changes that need to be made?

2. Reflect on the Philippians series. What have you learned? Take a moment to praise God for any increase in joy you've found through this series.

Prayer Concerns:

1. **Our giving enhances** _____ . [14-16]

2. **Our giving stores up** _____ . [17]

3. **Our giving is an** _____ . [18]

4. **Our giving increases our** _____ . [19]

*Joy is an attitude of the heart,
determined by confidence in God.*

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Describe a time in your life when God met a tangible need through another person.

Digging Deeper:

Read Philippians 4:14-23

1. In order to get a full picture of the generosity of the Philippian church, read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. (The Philippian church was one of the Macedonian churches). What are some of the characteristics of the Philippians? Is there anything that surprises you about their spirit of generosity?
2. What happened as a result of the Philippians' generosity? How was Paul impacted? How was the kingdom impacted? How were the Philippians impacted? What are the results of your giving to the work of God?
3. What is the interplay between giving and our relationship with God? Why is giving understood as a mark of maturity for believers?

4. What does Paul mean when he says he does not desire the believers' gifts, but that "more be credited to your account?" According to Paul, what blessings come from sacrificial giving?
5. Why is giving "a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God?" In what way is God blessed through our giving?
6. Read Philippians 4:19 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-12. What promises and principles are found in these passages? How have you seen these play out in your own life?
7. As we conclude this Joyride series on the book of Philippians, what has been your greatest takeaway? How has God increased your joy through this book?