

GOD'S PROMISES AND MY NEEDS
#SermonNeeds
God's Practical Promises - Part 2
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Philippians 4:14-19

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

The Premise - I MUST GIVE GENEROUSLY

Luke 6:38 Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. (NLT)

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.⁷ You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. (NLT)

My Giving To God Is...

1. AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHERS

Philippians 4:14-16 It was good of you to share in my troubles.¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only;¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. (NIV)

2. AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

Philippians 4:17 Though I appreciate your gifts, what makes me happiest is the well-earned reward you will have because of your kindness. (LB)

Mark 10:29-30 Jesus told him: “You can be sure that anyone who gives up home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or land for me and for the good news³⁰ will be rewarded. In this world they will be given a hundred times as many houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and pieces of land, though they will also be mistreated. And in the world to come, they will have eternal life.” (CEV)

Philippians 4:17 It is not the gift that I value most; what I value is the interest that is mounting up in your account. (NJB)

1 Timothy 6:18-19 ...Tell them to be happy to give and ready to share.¹⁹ By doing that, they will be saving a treasure for themselves in heaven. That treasure will be a strong foundation. Their future life can be built on that treasure... (ICB)

Acts 20:35 There is more happiness in giving than in receiving. (NJB)

3. A SACRIFICE TO GOD

Philippians 4:18 ...I am **generously supplied** with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are **a sweet-smelling sacrifice** that is **acceptable to God** and **pleases him**. (NLT)

God's Promise To Me

Philippians 4:19 And **my God** will meet **all your needs** according to **his glorious riches in Christ Jesus**. (NIV)

Three Truths To Recognize

- Recognize the **SOURCE**

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is **from above**, coming down **from the Father** of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (NIV)

Matthew 7:11 If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts** to those who ask him. (NLT)

- Recognize the **SCOPE**

How We Cancel Out God's Promise

- If I'm **FOOLISH**

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover, it is required of **stewards** that they **be found trustworthy**. (NRS)

- If I'm **GREEDY**

James 4:2-3 **You want something** you don't have, and you will do anything to get it... You should pray for it. ³ Yet even when you do pray, your prayers are not answered, because you pray just for **selfish reasons**. (CEV)

- Recognize the **SUPPLY**

2 Corinthians 1:20a For **all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ** with a resounding "Yes!"... (NLT)