



**PHILIPPIANS:
ENJOYING LIFE**
An interactive Bible study for
individuals, families,
and LIFE Groups

~ Week Fifteen ~
"The Joy of Giving"
Philippians 4:14-23

SERMON NOTES

Record your insights and observations from this week's sermon:

Thanks for using UPC's weekly Bible study guide. We pray that this tool will help you RECALL what you heard in the Sunday sermon, REFLECT on the Scriptures more fully, and RESPOND with love to God, church, and community. If you miss a sermon, or would like to review it, visit our website: www.upc-orlando.com.

WARM UP

Tell about a specific time in your life when God provided for you in an unexpected way.

RECALL THE SUNDAY SERMON

Read Philippians 4:14-23

a) What was one practical application you took away from this week's sermon?

b) How had the believers in Philippi distinguished themselves from other churches? (vss. 15-16)

c) What does Paul mean in verse 17 when he says, "I am looking for what may be credited to your account"? Think of it this way: How does giving enrich the giver?

d) List all the things you see in this passage that ought to motivate us to be generous givers:

REFLECT A BIT FURTHER

a) Read the following Bible verses and answer the questions below: Proverbs 3:9-10; Proverbs 11:25; Proverbs 19:17; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

- What are the benefits we receive when we give our money away?

- According to JustGive.com, the average American gives about 3.2% of his or her pre-tax income to charity, church, or other nonprofit organization. In light of these promises of Scripture, why are many Christians not generous givers?

b) Last week's study (Philippians 4:10-13) was on contentment. How does being content relate to being generous?

c) Philippians 4:20 and 4:23 are not thoughtlessly tossed in to the ending of this letter. They are very significant to Paul's discussion on giving. Explain how you think each verse relates to giving:

- "To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (vs. 20)

- "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen." (vs. 23)

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

a) Malachi 3:10 and other verses of Scripture indicate that God's standard for giving to the Lord's work is the tithe, or 10% of our income. If your giving is below that standard, list the reason(s) why:

b) What needs to happen for you to give more generously than you do right now?

PRAY FOR UPC

Please pray this week for:

- **Dave & Sue Imbrock**, our missionaries with Global Hope Network in France – Dave's mother, Pam, died last week. Pray that God will comfort Dave and his family and guide their preparations for her funeral.
- **John & Jane Hursh** – The Hursh family will return to Orlando this summer, as John takes on a new assignment at Campus Crusade for Christ headquarters. Pray that their children – John, Ben, and Caroline – will make a smooth transition from France to the US.
- Our **Children's Ministry** – Pray for Linda Wheatley, our Children's Director, as she recruits and trains new Sunday School teachers for the fall; Melanie Moen, our Nursery Coordinator, as she supervises our nursery ministry; and all our summer teachers and assistants.
- Our **Welcoming Ministry Team** – Janet Crow leads our team of greeters, ushers, and hosts. Pray for Janet as she oversees this ministry, and for the team's efforts to help our members and guests feel the presence of Christ in worship.