

GROWING THROUGH GENEROSITY

Philippians 4.14-20

THE IMPORTANCE OF GENEROUS PARTNERSHIP

Partnership: this is the word “koinonia,” which we use for communion and fellowship. It is a word that is used to denote the intimate commitment of unity among families, friendships, and business relationships.

Paul thanks them for the gifts he received, but what he is most thankful for is the evidence of Gospel fruit in their lives. He is excited just for the simple fact that they are giving generously, and that they will be rewarded with fruit in their lives.

GENEROSITY GROWS DEPENDENCY

Philippians 4.19, 20 // 1 Timothy 5.17, 18 // 1 Corinthians 9.13, 14

We must remember always that what we want to see happen in and through our lives and our church is not simply difficult, it is impossible. Apart from Christ, we cannot do what we hope to see happen in and through us. We must grow in our dependency on the Lord.

**The heart of true fellowship is
self-sacrificing conformity to shared vision.**

- D.A. Carson

GIVING AS A MEANS TO GROWING FAITH AND TRUST

It can be tempting to look at our own lives and think, “but God is not supplying for me.” But we must remember Christ. Did God the Father supply all that Christ needed? Yes, He did. Does that mean that Christ was rich, or had many friends, or even got married? No, it doesn’t. Christ is our example of living by faith and being dependent on God.

**One way you tighten your grip on the Gospel
is to loosen your grip on your money.**

It was Christ Himself who reminded us that He is the Bread of life. We learn to look to and depend on Him when we learn to trust in and look less to things that are even essential for our life, such as food and water.

Are you progressing in your dependence? Is our church progressing? Are we becoming more generous as a people, or more miserly?



NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We’d LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we’d love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you’ve ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You’ll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won’t regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns – 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey’s heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Philippians 4:14-20**. What stuck out to you from this verse or the message on Sunday? _____

In **verse 17**, Paul says, "but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit." What is Paul talking about here? _____

Re-read **verse 18**. What is at the heart of giving? In other words, what are you doing when you are being generous? _____

In your own words, define generosity. Using your own definition, do you feel as if God has been generous to you? Why or why not? Read **John 3:16**. _____

Verse 19 reads, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Does this mean God will give us whatever we want because we're generous? What is Paul saying here? _____

In what ways has God provided for all your needs in ways that you either didn't expect or maybe you wanted Him to supply in a different way? Are there areas in your life where you feel like God has not supplied all of your needs? _____

When we think of generosity, we immediately think of money. In what other ways can you be generous? _____

Read **Mark 12:41-44**. Would you consider yourself a generous person? If yes, how can you continue to grow in this? If you're not, what is holding you back and have you seen any fruit/growth in this area? What will you do in order to grow in generosity? _____

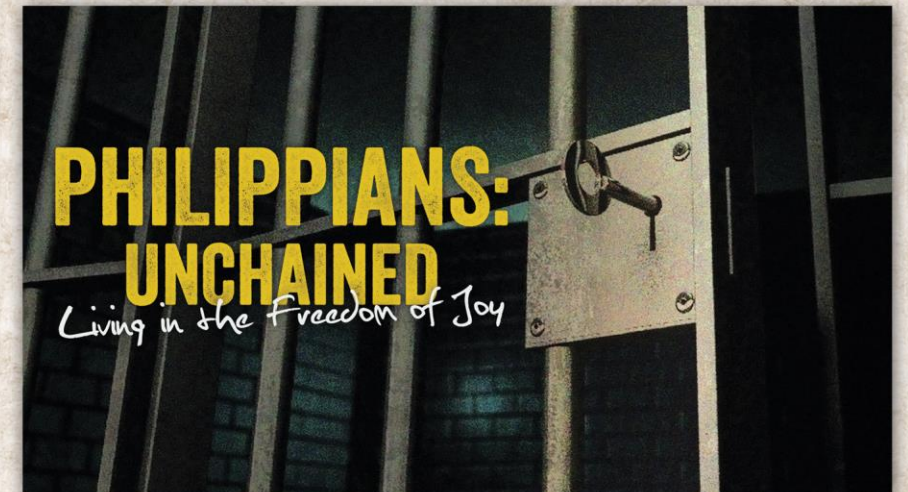
Spend time praying with each other. Pray with the heart of Psalm 67 that asks God to bless us, but not for the purpose of being blessed, but so that we can be a blessing to others. Ask Him to show you how you can grow through being generous.



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