

## GENEROSITY PAYS OFF

My Happiness Should Be Driven By My Habits Not My Circumstances.

Philippians 4:10-23

### 6 BENEFITS OF GENEROSITY

*Every Time You're Generous...*

1. You become more like **JESUS**. (v:10)  
Phil. 2:4-5
2. You earn the **GRATITUDE** of **OTHERS**. (v:15)  
Phil. 1:3,5,7
3. You show what **REALLY MATTERS** most. (v:16)  
Phil. 3:7, 3:20
4. You **INVEST** in Your **ETERNAL HOME**. (v:17)  
1Tim. 6:18-19
5. You make **GOD** smile. (v:18)  
2 Cor. 9:12-13
6. You **STRENGTHEN** Your faith. (v: 19)  
Phil. 4:6

## Talk It Over

1. What does Proverbs 11:17 tell us about the benefits of being generous? Think about what you sow in the world—is it what you wish to receive back? It has been said that whatever you need more of, that is what you must give away. It sounds simple enough, but why is it so hard to do?
2. We are most grateful to those who have given their time and energy to us. During this week take time to share how thankful you are to those who have invested in you.
3. How is Philippians 4:6 related to your generosity? What are ways you can put Philippians 4:6 into practice
4. What happens when we give, according to 1 Timothy 6:18-19? Discuss practical ways to invest into eternity.
5. As a group, repeat Philippians 4:19 several times until you have it memorized. Next week, whenever you face a need, quote this scripture to yourself. Be prepared to share what God taught you.
6. If God promises to take care of all our needs, why are all our needs not met? Paul wrote this letter as a thank you to the Philippians, who had unselfishly supported his ministry more than all others. Read Philippians 4:14-18 and discuss what Paul meant when he said God's generosity exceeds our own. What does this have to do with getting our own needs met?
7. We can be generous by reason—figuring out what we can afford, or we can be generous by revelation—asking God to tell us what he wants to give through us. What method do you think the Philippians chose? How are they a model for you?

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