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## **GOD'S PROMISE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS**

Stewardship – Part 3

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### **Philippians 4:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. <sup>15</sup>Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. <sup>16</sup>For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. <sup>18</sup>Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen."

### **I. THE PREMISE (v 14-18): I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ TO OTHERS**

*"The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself." Proverbs 11:25*

#### **The Value of Generosity**

#### **1. MY GIVING IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ TO OTHERS (v 14-16)**

#### **2. MY GIVING IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE FUTURE (v 17)**

*"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life" Matthew 19:29*

*"And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home." Luke 16:9*

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" Matthew 6:19-20*

3. MY GIVING IS A \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD (v 18)

II. THE PROMISE (v 19): \_\_\_\_\_

- **The Source:** *"And my God shall ..."*
- **The Scope:** *"... supply all your need ..."*

This doesn't include:

a) \_\_\_\_\_

*"If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat" 2 Thessalonians 3:10*

b) \_\_\_\_\_

*"You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" James 4:3*

It DOES include: \_\_\_\_\_

- **The Supply:** *"...according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

*"<sup>6</sup>He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make ALL grace abound toward you, that you, ALWAYS having ALL sufficiency in ALL things, may have an abundance for every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*