

MYTHBUSTERS
“The Money Church”
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Philippians 4:14-19 (ESV)

TRUTHS ABOUT GENEROUS GIVING TO GOD’S WORK

1. God sees generous giving as an **act of devotion and worship** (v. 18)
2. God enables generous givers to experience an **increase** (v. 17)
3. God blesses generous givers by **meeting their needs** (v. 19)

CENTRAL TRUTH:

When I express devotion and worship by generously giving to God’s work,
God enables me to experience an increase and meets my needs.

1. Share a time when you gave money generously or were a recipient of a generous gift.

Going Deeper into the Message

2. What was the religious and financial situation of the Philippians at the time of Paul’s writing? Despite their situation, what do you think prompted them to give so generously to support God’s work? Would you have done the same if you were in their situation?
3. Read Philippians 4:14-19 carefully. How did God view the Philippians’ gifts (v. 18)? Was this a financial matter in God’s eyes?
4. What evidence do you see in verses 17-18 that God see to it that generous giving benefits the giver? (Also read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8)
5. How can you overcome the temptation to give to the Lord for the wrong motive of getting more in return from God?
6. How easy is it for you to trust God that when you express devotion and worship by generously giving to God’s work, God enables you to experience an increase and meets your needs?

Responding to the Message

7. What one insight from the message seems most personally significant to you right now and what action can you take in the next week to start putting this into practice or to cooperate with God in bringing about this transformation?