



EVERGREEN JOY  
**THE JOY OF GENEROSITY**  
PHILIPPIANS 4:14-19

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - March 19, 2023

1. See \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 14-16)

*Philippians 4:14–19 (ESV)*

*14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

2. Seek \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 17-19)

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Let's start with the example of Jesus. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:9**. How have you benefited from the generosity of Christ? How does His example inspire you to give?
2. Next, consider the words of Jesus. **Read Acts 20:35**. How have you experienced the blessing of giving in your life? What are some of the reasons you sometimes fail to believe these words?
3. **Read Matthew 6:19-21**. Why is an eternal perspective important when it comes to being generous? What will help you focus more on eternal matters rather than temporal ones this week?
4. **Read Philippians 4:19**. How might greater faith in this promise affect your prayers and your attitudes this week?
5. Imagine a world in which Christians gave half as much as they currently do – how would that negatively impact ministry around the world? Now imagine if Christians gave twice as much as they currently do – what opportunities for ministry would this generosity create? How does this affect your motivation to give generously?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Alcorn, Randy. *The Treasure Principle*. Multnomah, 2001.  
Lutzer, Erwin. *Your Eternal Reward*. Moody Publishers, 2015.  
Piper, John. *Future Grace*. Multnomah. 2012.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Thank God for how He has generously provided for our church.  
Pray that our congregation would experience the blessings of generosity.  
Pray that our men's event this Saturday would spur our men forward in godly living.  
Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life  
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
3/20	Deuteronomy 17-20	Luke 12:35-59
3/21	Deuteronomy 21-23	Luke 13
3/22	Deuteronomy 24-27	Luke 14
3/23	Deuteronomy 28	Luke 15
3/24	Deuteronomy 29-31	Luke 16
3/25	Deuteronomy 32-34	Luke 17