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Biblical Principals of Giving

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15 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.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities.

17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

18 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.

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

20 Now to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.

22 All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Philippians 4:14

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sygkoinōneō (shared)

to become a partaker together with others,
or to have fellowship with a thing

thlipsis (distress)

affliction, tribulation, distress, straits

Sharing Must Be From The Heart

Exodus 36:2-7

Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose **heart** the LORD had put wisdom, everyone whose **heart** was stirred, to come and do the work. 3 And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning. 4 Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing,

5 and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded *us* to do." 6 So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing, 7 for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.

Philippians 4:15

15 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.

dosis (giving) and ***lēmpsis*** (receiving)
Business Accounting Terms for purposes of accountability.

2 Corinthians 8 (poor)

1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

2 Corinthians 8

12 For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have.

13 For *I do not mean* that others should be eased and you burdened; 14 but by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may supply* their lack, that their abundance also *may supply* your lack—that there may be equality.

Philippians 4:16

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my **necessities**.

chreia (Necessities)

1) necessity, need

1 Timothy 6:8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

Sharing Must Be Consistent

1 Corinthians 16

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also:
2 On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. 3 And when I come, whomever you approve by *your* letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem. 4 But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

Philippians 4:17

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karpos (fruit)

- 1.) the fruit of the trees, vines, of the fields
- b) advantage, profit, utility

Sharing Is A Spiritual Investment

Luke 6:38

38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

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Giving Is A Spiritual Act of Worship

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:17

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalm 37:25 I have been young, and *now* am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

Philippians 4:20

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