

A Life to Die For

Part 12: Giving

Philippians 4:14-20

Launch

How would you describe your family of origin: generous, stingy, or somewhere in between?

Explore

Read the passage

What is the difference between volunteering/donating and entering into partnership with someone? What is Paul's desire for the Philippians in their partnership? What is he seeking for them?

Why is it significant for the Philippians to know that God will supply their needs?

What might Paul want to emphasize about God's generosity with the phrase, "according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus"?

How does giving produce spiritual maturity in our lives? How does God get glory when we are generous?

Apply

What keeps us from feeling the contentment that Paul felt? When do you live as though God were not meeting "all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus"?

How have you seen God provide for you in the past? How does your financial giving to God's kingdom reflect that?

What has been your experience with (or attitude toward) tithing, either growing up or in the last few years? How has your perspective changed?

Pray

Pray that our lives would demonstrate generosity with our time, treasure, and talent. Pray that we would give to the Lord as an act of worship, thanksgiving, and trust.