

## Sharing in Giving

*Philippians 4:10-23*

Giving is part of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Gospel.

**Background:** Paul wrote about several churches participating in a “collection” for churches to set aside on the first day of the week to help with ministry.

### I. Giving Flows from having God’s heart (10-13)

#### Understand —

content = “independent of external circumstances” doesn’t NEED anything outside to make the inside OK.

Paul was a tentmaker.

1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8; Acts 18:3

#### Apply —

I find when my heart is \_\_\_\_\_ in rhythm with God’s grace, my desires are his.

Do you need to renew your concern or care (vs. 10) today?

### II. Giving Grows as we decide to start (14-17)

#### Understand —

Helped his need while in Thessalonica (more than just once = “again and again” or “several times”).

#### Apply —

Giving opens our hearts and \_\_\_\_\_ our hands on our stuff and our time.

Sometimes we must \_\_\_\_\_ into feeling it!

### III. Giving Goes for the Gospel to Impart (18-23)

#### Understand —

They had sent gifts with Epaphroditus. The gifts were a “fragrant offering” (Gn. 8:21, E. 29:18, Eph. 5:2, Rom. 12:1, Heb. 13:16) --

#### Apply

How do you \_\_\_\_\_ your stuff? Share with others? Is it really YOURS?

What does the “collection” go towards?

- a. To **support gospel preaching** (2 Corinthians 11:8; Philippians 4:15-16)
- b. To provide whatever is necessary **for the edification of the saints** (1 Corinthians 14:26, Ephesians 4:11-16).
- c. To provide **benevolence for needy saints** (Acts 11:27-30; Romans 15:26-28)