

REDISCOVERING JOY

Giving is a Promise

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I. THE PREMISE (vs. 14-18): **I Must Be Generous to Others**

Pro 11:25 NLT *The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.*

Luk 6:38 NLT *Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full--pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.*

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1. MY GIVING IS **An Encouragement to Others** (vs. 14-16)

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Phil. 1:3-5 - "partners in ministry"

2 Cor. 8:1-5 - a great reputation!

2. MY GIVING IS **An Investment in the Future** (vs. 17)

Php 4:17 NLT *I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.*

1Tim 6:18-19 NLT *Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.*

3. MY GIVING IS **a Sacrifice to God** (vs. 18)

Mat 25:40 NLT *"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these My brothers and sisters, you were doing it to Me!'"*

II. THE PROMISE (vs. 19): **God will Supply!**

- The Source: "And my God will ..."
- The Scope: "... will meet all your needs ..."

This doesn't include:

- 1.) **Laziness** (I Thess. 3:10)
- 2.) **Wants** (James 4:3)

It does cover: **ALL LEGITIMATE NEEDS**

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1Jn 5:14-15 NLT *And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him. And since we know He hears us when we make our requests, we also know that He will give us what we ask for.*

The Supply: 2Cor 9:5-8 NLT *So I thought I should send these brothers ahead of me to make sure the gift you promised is ready. But I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly. Remember this--a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.*

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