

Life in Color #10

Joy in Giving Generously

Word

Scripture Reference

Philippians 4:2-3, 10-23

Discussion Questions

1. Do you agree with the proverb, “It is better to give than to receive?” Discuss.
2. Giving doesn’t only pertain to giving of money or material things. Through his letter to the Philippians the apostle Paul teaches us about the principles of giving generously. Read Philippians 4:2-3, 10-23. Discuss why Paul pleaded with Euodia and Syntyche, two Christian workers in the church who co-labored with Paul (v. 2).
3. In his charge to other Philippian Christians to help Euodia and Syntyche resolve their conflict without taking sides (v. 3), Paul teaches us the first principle of giving generously—the generous giving of time. How precious is time to you? Would you consider spending some of your precious time to help someone in need? How would you deal with friends, loved-ones or fellow church members who have a conflict with other people? Would you consider it a good investment of your time to get involved and be a peacemaker?
4. Helping others takes a lot of your time, but giving of time speaks of generosity. How are you investing your time with regards to serving the Lord in relation to your friends and family members? In what way can parents and grandparents enable their children and grandchildren to build into their character the right way to deal with life? What does time have to do with it?
5. The second principle in giving generously is the giving of your heart. Paul recounted how the Philippians did not forget to meet his needs. He further explained how he has been content in whatever state he was in. What lesson had Paul learned about contentment (v. 10-13)? Why should finding contentment be based on giving generously?
6. Have you ever complained that God should have given you more despite the many blessings you received? What does your complaining and

dissatisfaction tell you about the state of your heart and relationship with the Lord? What happens with your wants and desires when you give your heart to the Lord? Discuss how the generous giving of your heart teaches you about being content.

7. The third principle of giving generously is giving earthly possessions. In verses 14-16 Paul recounts how the Philippian church has helped him in the past. How did they support Paul and what was his response to their generosity (v. 18-19)? Discuss what is the difference between needs and wants? What promise can we claim in verse 19 regarding our needs?
8. You can never out-give God because His blessings are not limited to money or other material things. But He wants you to learn to be disciplined in your giving because it is an act of worship, and as such is a very important part of your Christian walk. What happens when you are so tied down with material things? Why does being stingy to the Lord make a person unhappy? Share and discuss with the group how giving generously has given you joy.

Walk

*“Happiness is to know the Savior, living a life within His favor,
having a change in my behavior—happiness is the Lord!”*

As Paul closes his message in verses 21-23, we learn that we can cultivate joy in our life by living God’s glory and experiencing the grace of Jesus Christ. Recount the things you’ve learned from the book of Philippians these past 10 weeks. What principle(s) has impacted you the most that has spurred you to really apply and act it out in your life so that you can cultivate joy in your walk with God?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

Pray for...

- For Christian generosity to touch lives.
- Blessings for all the 29 newly baptized disciples. Faithfulness to follow Christ.
- Preparations for Youth Camp and DVBS.
- Grace and healing for FW and Irene as they undergo chemotherapy.
- Grace for Segundo Yu (4th stage cancer).
- Protection for RCM and family.
- †Comfort for the bereaved family and relatives of the late Mr. Pedro Dyloco and Mrs. Maria Tan.