



# Sermon Questions

April 19th, 2026 | Scripture: Philippians 4:14-23 – Joyful Giving

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.

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- 2.
- 3.

## Core Questions

1. Which phrase in this passage (vs. 14-23) most challenges your view of giving and what about it unsettles you?
2. Paul describes giving as “partnership” (fellowship). How does that change giving from a transaction into a relationship? What would that look like in real life?
3. In verses 14–20, Paul speaks of giving as both loss and gain. How does the gospel reshape what we think we “lose” when we give?
4. What do verses 16 and 22 show about how the Philippians’ giving impacted gospel ministry beyond their own city? What might that mean for us?
5. Paul calls their gift a “fragrant offering” (v.18). What does that image tell us about how God views our giving? How does remembering God’s generosity change the way we give?

## Inward Grace in Action

1. How does giving shape what you love and value? Have you seen that happen in your own life?
2. Where do you feel the most resistance to generosity - your time, money, or abilities? Why?

## Outward Grace in Action

1. What is one specific, practical step you can take this week to express God’s generosity to someone else?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Ask your children about a time they received a special gift. What was it? How did it make them feel? What do we usually enjoy most - getting a gift or giving one?
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** What if there is a joy even greater than receiving gifts? In our passage, Paul shows the Philippians that giving to others brings deep joy. Even when we give away time, money, or talents, we gain joy because we are pleasing our heavenly Father. And because God gave us Jesus, we can trust him to take care of everything we need.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Take time to thank God together for all he has given your family: things like friends, food, a home, time, abilities, and most importantly, Jesus. Then choose one simple way to be generous this week - share your time, give something away, or help someone in need. Pray together and ask God to use it to bless others.

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of joyful giving throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 1:26-30
- Deuteronomy 15:7-11
- Proverbs 11:24-25, 19:17, 22:9
- Luke 21:1-4
- Acts 2:42-47
- 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

## Scripture Memory Challenge:

During this sermon series, our challenge to you and your CG is to memorize **Philippians 2:5-11**. This is the heart of the entire letter that will equip us to live with resilient joy.

## Serve: Pray for, Give to, or Serve with a Mission’s Partner

Our church partners with many wonderful mission partners both locally and globally. After receiving Paul’s charge to **radical generosity** at the end of Philippians, **our challenge to you** is to apply that message by **furthering your partnership** with one of those partners. Click the link below to get further information on how to pray for, give to, and serve with our partners!

**Details** at: [mcleanpres.org/serve/](http://mcleanpres.org/serve/)

*Look Ahead:* Next week we will begin a new sermon series – **SENT**. The scripture passage will be 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 where the apostle Paul will show us how grace changes everything.