

**Philippians –  
Above the Circumstances**

**Phil 4:14-23**

***The Gain of Giving***

***An amazing but counter-intuitive  
truth: giving results in gain!***

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### **Context**

- Worry and Anxiety (vs. 4-9)
- Contentment and Satisfaction (vs. 10-13)
- Generous, sacrificial giving (vs. 14-19)

### **Background**

- See Acts 16 – founding of the church in Philippi
- Phil 4:15, 16
- II Cor 8:1-4; Acts 18:5; II Tim 4:3

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### **God's Way of Giving** (vs. 14)

A "Beautiful Thing"! (see Mk 14:6)

- Grace-motivated (not guilt-driven)
- Generous (not stingy)
- Joyous (not grudging)
- Sacrificial (not something we don't care about)

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### Biblical Stewardship: a 'Win-Win-Win'

- The receiver (vs. 10, 14, 18)
- The giver (vs. 17)
  - More blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35)
  - Store up for yourself treasures in Heaven (Matt 6:20)
  - Give and it will be given to you (Luke 6:38)
  - Whoever sows generously will reap generously (II Cor 9:6)
  - He who gives generously will be blessed ... he who gives to the poor will never want (Prov. 22:9; 28:27)

*Right giving always enriches the giver!*

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- The receiver (vs. 10, 14, 18)
- The giver (vs. 17)
- God Himself (vs. 18)
  - God derives pleasure from our sacrificial gifts and it glorifies Him.
  - Gen 4:4,5; Gen 8:21 etc.
  - The aroma of the sacrifice was sweet in His nostrils!
  - New Covenant Sacrifices include:
    - Rom 12:1 – ourselves
    - Heb 13:15,16 – praise, doing good and sharing with others

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**God's Promise To Those Who Give** (vs. 19)

- Not just 'out of' His riches, but 'in proportion' to His infinite riches
- God's kind of giving never makes anyone poorer!
- A new way of doing math:  
'subtraction' results in multiplication

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## Conclusion and Personal Application

- God's kind of giving is for all of God's children
- Giving is a spiritual act of worship
- Giving is good for you!

*To our God and Father be glory  
forever and ever. Amen!*