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God's Most Glorified
in Us When We're
Most Satisfied in Him.

5. God's glory exhibited in the world & your desire for happiness are one. Does it not follow that your giving that promotes God's glory also promotes *your joy*?

PREACHING TODAY:
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7. God is greatly glorified in our giving because it shows _____ the ultimate purpose of all creation _____ and _____.

Philippians 4:20—"To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen." We are headed for glory. Why not show some of that right here, right now? Paul's holy affections are so enthralled with our God and Father that the concern for others in giving, its kindness, its resultant fruit for the giver, its supreme focus on pleasing God Himself as a fragrant offering of His worship, its promise of return and its guardian care via supernatural provision—well, all of this finds its height of har-

mony & blessedness in the fact that all creation will one day be enjoying the fabulous attributes of God in joyous productivity to His glory *forever & ever, amen*. Does Paul ever do anything without this infinite reference point of God's glory for all eternity? Do you? *May it be that our giving is freer because we see further.* Way further than the end of our noses: see all the way to eternity.



Let's Live Out Our Giving to His Glory—
1. Which one of these 7 reasons for glorifying God in giving appeals to you most? Meditate on that one deeply & watch God make you a better giver.
2. The promise that Jesus Christ will meet all your needs (4:19) is only for you if you believe in Jesus Christ. When you do, God the Father takes you under His special care for His glory in you. Make this promise yours by giving your life to Jesus Christ as your Leader and Guide and Lord and King today, now.
3. Do you need to repent from viewing giving as a *pain* and to see it now as a *privilege* for God's glory in ministry?
4. Have you ever consciously sought your own joy in Jesus Christ in your giving? If not, do so, 4 God is glorified.

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God's Passion for His Glory in *Philippians*, Part 15 "Showing God's Glory in Our Giving"

God is greatly glorified in our giving because it—

- 1 Causes rejoicing;
- 2 Shows concern for others;
- 3 Shows kindness to others;
- 4 Shows concern for ourselves;
- 5 Shows concern for Him;
- 6 Shows faith in Christ's sufficiency;
- 7 Shows creation's purpose forever.

Philippians 4:10-20
"I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me..."

The movie *Batman Begins*, well, it begins at the beginning. With the not-yet Batman in training high above the Himalayas in some Ninja monastic retreat before the hands of the Master who commands him, "Find an ideal and live for it." That ideal for those ninjas was a

rough form of frontier justice unbridled by processes of law and court. But the passion behind the command should still grip us. Our ideal to live for is this: *glorifying God in our rejoicing greatly in Jesus Christ the Lord. A Key:* God gives grace that enacts this ideal in us & others as we *give* to His purposes in ministry and mission.



"Find an ideal and live for it!"

7 Topnotch Ways God's Glorified

14 times in this prison epistle, Paul talks about his rejoicing in Jesus. Only once does he use the term, *mega-rejoicing*. In fact, no where else in all his writings does this occur. Only here. And it's used in direct connection with our giving our money to Jesus Christ for His ministry and mission. Truly, Paul proceeds to set forth 7 ways that bring *mega-rejoicing* in God by our giving.

1. God is glorified in our giving because our giving causes _____ in others.

Philippians 4:10
 "I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me." Our vision is to spread a sacred passion for the supremacy of God's glory in all

things for the joy of all generations and nations in the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing spreads joy in Jesus better than our being misers; than our being stingy; than our being greedy over our own

goods; covetous and refusing to share or give to others. *Grinches don't glorify God.*



Grinches hardly glorify God in their giving.

2. God is greatly glorified in our giving because it shows _____ for others.

"BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS AND SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST"
 —GAL. 6:2

Philippians 4:10—"I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity." Disciples are nothing less than little Christ's. We fail to emulate Him perfectly, but we passionately endeavor to do this substantially. Jesus is called "the man for others" for good reason. He picked up the concerns of others and carried them all the way to the Cross. We do likewise.

3. God is greatly glorified in our giving because it shows _____ to others.

Philippians 4:14—"Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble." The love chapter tells us that love is not rude. Rude words, rude timing, rude interruptions, rude pushiness. It's all around us. But what's the opposite of being rude? The kind heart, the kind soul. "Be kind to one another" commands *Eph.4:32*. How can we be? By giving.



Look up and give.

4. God is greatly glorified in our giving because it shows _____ concern _____.

Philippians 4:17
 "Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit." Now here's a tough one. But way valuable to grasp for a central meaning of discipleship. *Since*

God is more greatly glorified in us when we increase in His ways, in His fruit,—should we not therefore seek our own increase in His fruit? Should we not be motivated to give to be blessed by

God in growth? & should we not seek our growth in the giving? Yes!— for Christ's glory. To eliminate godly generosity is to eliminate an opportunity for the growth that glorifies Jesus Christ.

5. God is greatly glorified in our giving because it shows our concern _____.

Philippians 4:18
 "I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you send, a fragrant

offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God." Here we come face to face with the resounding echo of this epistle: that our highest good is

enjoying His glory & praise, & so desiring to please God in all things. Giving here is highlighted.

WE ALL HAVE A PERSONAL CALLING TO PLEASE GOD.

6. God is greatly glorified in our giving because it shows our _____ in _____.



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Philippians 4:19
 "And my God will supply every need of yours according

to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." To give generously is to be a disciple of deep faith in God's promises. Here is a promise of His

equipping in our great giving. It remains trite but true: *You can't out give God.* People have been trying for centuries & have found His grace to be inexhaustible.