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Philippians 4:14-19

<sup>10</sup> But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity. Philippians 4:10

- The Philippian church’s gift to Paul was an indication of their **oneness**.

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<sup>17</sup> For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison...

2 Corinthians 4:17

Tithe means **tenth** and Israel had **3** tithes:

- 1) Levitical
- 2) Festival
- 3) Poor

<sup>8</sup> “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!* <sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. <sup>11</sup> Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes,*” says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup> “All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land,” says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:8-12

### A. Principles of New Testament Giving

- 1) Provide for **physical needs**. (vs. 15-18a)

<sup>12</sup> For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what *a person* has, not according to what he does not have.

<sup>13</sup> For *this* is not for the ease of others *and* for your affliction, but by way of equality— <sup>14</sup> at this present time your abundance *being a supply* for their need, so that their abundance also may become *a supply* for your need, that there may be equality; <sup>15</sup> as it is written, “HE WHO *gathered* MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO *gathered* LITTLE HAD NO LACK.” 2 Corinthians 8:12-15

<sup>35</sup> In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35

2) Facilitate worship. (18b)

3) Demonstrate faith. (19)

## **B. Characteristics of New Testament Giving**

1) Generosity (18a)

2) Regularity (15-16)

3) Sacrificially

<sup>1</sup> Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup>that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. 2 Corinthians 8:1-2

## **C. Result of New Testament Giving**

1) Fruitfulness

<sup>17</sup> Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed. 1 Timothy 6:17-19