

Introduction: God's perspective vs. the world's perspective

I. The Opportunity of Giving (vv. 10-13)

- A. Paul Rejoices in Revived Thinking (v. 10)
- B. Paul Demonstrates Righteous Accepting (vv. 11-13)

II. The Fellowship of Giving (vv. 14-16)

- A. Fellowship in affliction (v. 14)
 - 1. They demonstrated a heart of giving
 - a) The heart of giving is a generous heart (2 Cor 9:6-7) that gives intentionally, cheerfully, and worshipfully.
 - b) The heart of giving always puts God first (firstfruits).
 - c) The heart of giving gives to the Lord proportionally.
 - d) The heart of giving gives to the Lord as an investment (2 Cor 9:6).
- B. Giving as a priority – demonstrating the hearts of the Philippian church
 - 1. The only ones (v. 15)
 - 2. Repeated gifts (v. 16)

III. The Fruit of Giving (vv. 17-19)

- A. Fruit that proliferates treasure in heaven (v. 17)
 - 1. Direct biblical uses of "fruit" (Matt 3:10; 13:8; Luke 1:42; Acts 2:30)
 - 2. Metaphoric biblical uses of "fruit" (Matt 3:8; John 15:2, 5, 8; Gal 5:22; Phil 1:9-11; Heb 12:11; 13:15; James 3:18)
 - 3. Biblical use of the term for profit or advantage (John 4:36; Rom 1:13; 6:21-22) – An eternal investment (Matt 6:19-24)
- B. Fruit that pleases God (v. 18) – "a fragrant aroma," "an acceptable sacrifice," "pleasing to God"
- C. Fruit that provides recompense (v. 19)
 - 1. Earthly needs met
 - 2. Eternal blessings given

IV. Final Greetings (vv. 20-23)

- A. God's Glory (v. 20) – God is glorified when we rejoice in Him (worship), thank Him, trust Him, submit to Him, obey Him, and live for Him.
- B. The Saints' Greetings (vv. 21-22)
- C. Jesus' Grace (v. 23)

Conclusion: How should we then live?