

Philippians #44

“Grace Giving”

Philippians 4:14-23; Hebrews 13

2nd Corinthians 9

“Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; where your treasure is, there is your heart; where your heart is, there is your happiness.” Augustine

“If you give what you do not need, it isn't giving.”

Mother Teresa

Living grace supply is similar to logistics; the military science of supply, provision and planning of troop movement.

Logistics always plays a very important and dramatic part in warfare but logistics plays an even greater part in our lives as believers as we are alive today only because of God's logistical living grace support.

We are alive today for 1 reason; because of the grace of God, not because of anything we do.

Spiritual riches include the provision of Bible teaching from the right pastor with privacy and security necessary to maintain a positive attitude and discernment to see distractions and set them aside.

The grace-oriented Philippians produced this action under the principle of balance of residency between the filling of the Holy Spirit and maximum biblical truth in the soul.

The unsolicited loving gift of the Philippians indicates a maximum number of spiritually mature believers in that congregation.

The greater-grace believer occupied with Christ has capacity for love, life and happiness and is therefore correctly motivated to give in an honorable manner.

It was an historical reality that in that area where so many churches were formed, none of them had advanced enough spiritually to be properly motivated for true giving.

One of the sure signs of understanding biblical truth is to translate that biblical truth into grace action.

You cannot apply biblical truth you simply know, you can only apply truth you know and understand.

The Philippians demonstrated their reception of the Word of God and spiritual advance by their grace giving indicating they are ready to follow Paul from greater-grace to dying-grace.

Proper motivation for giving is based on the application of biblical truth resident in the soul.

To send an offering once might indicate emotional giving but to send an offering more than once shows proper motivation; it's not the impulsive one-time emotional gift that counts but the consistent and faithful application of the Word; the continual giving under grace-orientation.

There is the need for believers in Jesus Christ to express the biblical truth in their souls and giving is worship expressing truth in the soul.

Paul has a need that the Philippians who are positive toward the Word can provide and that's living grace supply, so a result of their spiritual growth, they're properly

motivated and prospered.

Mature believers will be prospered financially no matter what the conditions of their nation may be.

Once Paul lacked but now he is full and the results of the Philippians' grace giving mean that he will be covered financially for the rest of his life.

The OT Levitical priesthood offered animal sacrifices to commemorate God's grace but the royal priesthood of the Church Age offers sacrifices compatible with this dispensation; the application of truth to experience.

The giving of money as an expression of priestly worship is a continual process throughout life; especially in greater-grace spiritual maturity.

The future tense is a statement of fact expected when the believer gives his money as worship.

They too, are mature believers, so now the question is: 'Where does the money come from for this to continue?'

The answer is that God provides it under living grace support; so, God will replace the money given in this type of giving.

The wealth of God is infinite and unlimited; in the human system of economics, you must have money or credit to make money but in the grace system of God, you must have nothing to receive credit!

The accumulation of biblical truth in the soul not only results in spiritual maturity and greater-grace status but it also provides spiritual and physical capital to make grace offerings to the Lord.

You can always choose either the temporal or eternal solution while you live in time; the eternal solution is the wealth of God and the operating capital is the Word of God in the soul.

The more biblical truth we receive, the more we realize that there is only room for One person, God to be glorified in life.

The royal family's attitude toward the Word divides all Church Age believers as former friends and even close relatives become separated in the Christian life.

Fellowship is destroyed between the mature believer who is out in unchartered territory and the believer passing through life in rebellion.

The only legitimate system of giving is the grace giver giving to a grace cause.

Giving is a mental attitude based upon God's problem-solving device of grace-orientation.