

Sermon Notes

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Wild Generosity

Philippians 4:14-20

I. THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE WILDLY GENEROUS

(Philippians 4:14-16) Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction. You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. (2 Corinthians 8:1-2) Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. (1 John 3:16-17) We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

II. THE BENEFICIARY OF THE WILDLY GENEROUS

(Philippians 4:17-19) Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Luke 12:33) Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys. (Hebrews 6:10) For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.