

No Agenda

8-6-17

Philippians 4:11 (ESV)

Not that I am speaking of being in need: **No Agenda!**

This morning I am going to share about giving financially to God's work. As referenced by the message title, **there is "no agenda" other than the abundance that comes to each one by giving to God's work.** I am so very thankful for God's abundant provision. We are in a position this morning where it is not necessary to present any specific financial needs before the church. **Therefore without any agenda, we proclaim:**

Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

As we "continue" in sacrificial giving, we are resting in the assurance that God has HIS Hand on the ministry and supplying all our needs.

We therefore, I therefore, can speak to you and say we have miraculously experienced **"a partnership in giving AND RECEIVING!"**

Philippians 4:15 (ESV)

No church entered into partnership with me in **giving and receiving**, except you only.

Therefore, with no agenda, I proclaim the necessity of "continual" sacrificial giving for your own benefit. I want to see the increased fruit on your behalf.

Philippians 4:17 (ESV)

Not that I seek the gift, but **I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.**

God looks at these gifts as a **fragrant offering** presented to HIM; a **sweet smell** to God to be used for HIS consumption and HIS purpose alone.

Philippians 4:18 (ESV)

The gifts you sent are a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

Our trust and devotion to God will be rewarded by God by HIS abundant **physical blessing** poured out on us.

Philippians 4:19 (ESV)

And **my God will supply every need** of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

This promise is recorded throughout the entire Bible. **God richly blesses givers! It has always been an evidence to people for their devotion to God.**

Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV)

- 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

And as proof of this trust in God, WE GIVE!

Proverbs 3:9–10 (ESV)

- 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth**
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
10 then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Concerning giving, the point is this!

2 Corinthians 9:6 (ESV)

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

A heart dedicated to God evidenced by physical giving to God's work will be physically rewarded.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (ESV)

And **God is able** to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, **you may abound in every good work.**

**Back to Philippians, our giving and our receiving is revelation to all of God's glory on this earth.
This has to do with our view of God.**

Philippians 4:20 (ESV)

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Not only that, our **physical giving**, reflecting our faith, is rewarded by God with **Spiritual empowerment.**

Philippians 4:23 (ESV)

The grace (power and favor) of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

My personal belief, many people are not empowered spiritually because they do not give physically. Your giving reflects your heart felt view of God and HIS power.

Therefore without any personal agenda, I am encouraging you to take the promise for giving for your personal benefit in order to be complete and equipped for every good work. **Just as the Bible says!**

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

If we don't believe in God's provision how can we truly believe in HIS salvation?

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said, "I am **the way**, and **the truth**, and **the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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