

Text: Colossians 4:12-15
Topic: Giving, Generosity.
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part 3
People Tools
Serious About Giving

For the Good of others at our church...

1. Share _____ (v.15)

For the Good of others at our church...

2. Employ _____ (v.14)

For the Good of others at our church...

3. Expend _____ (vv.12-13)

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¹² Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. ¹³ I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. *(NIV)*

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe, as best you can, the extent of God's generosity toward your life.

How does describing *his* generosity challenge *your* current practice of that divine attribute?

2. What material possessions has God entrusted to you which, you would have to admit, are currently underutilized for the good of God's people?

Think creatively as to how God might use some of what he has given you to encourage, bless and build-up other Christians in the church. What are some ideas?

3. What are some of the positive and useful talents, aptitudes, capacities, skills, abilities, contacts, or associations that God has granted you?

In what way might those be specifically and freely offered to someone in the body of Christ who can benefit from them?

4. Write out a prayer that expresses your willingness to personally go the extra mile and be inconvenienced for the benefit of someone in the body of Christ this week.

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Lev.21-22 & Prov.11

Monday

Lev.23-24 & Prov.12

Tuesday

Lev.25-27 & Prov.13

Wednesday

Num.1-2 & Prov.14

Thursday

Num.3-4 & Prov.15

Friday

Num.5-6 & Prov.16

Saturday

Num.7-8 & Prov.17

Here are some resources to help you make a difference by living generously.

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Getz, Gene. **Real Prosperity: Biblical Principles of Material Possessions.** Chicago: Moody Press, 1990.

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_____. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living.** Dallas: Word Publishing, 1990.