



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, March 29, 2026

Philippians 4:14-23 – Giving & Receiving

Godliness with contentment is a prerequisite to both giving and receiving. When we are satisfied in the Lord with who we are, where we are, and what we have, we will willingly and joyfully give what the Holy Spirit prompts us to give, and we will thankfully receive what the Holy Spirit prompts others to give.

The matter of giving & receiving is to be our manner of life.

The matter of giving & receiving is to give and receive the grace of God.

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by giving ourselves fully to what matters to God.

May the Lord turn your mourning into dancing. May the Lord remove your sackcloth and clothe you with gladness. May you rejoice greatly in the LORD, may your soul exult in God. May he clothe you with garments of salvation and wrap you with a robe of righteousness. May God bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work [in giving and receiving by the grace of God]! (Psalm 30:11, Isaiah 61:10, 2 Corinthians 9:8)

Discussion Questions:

- Why is godliness with contentment a prerequisite for both giving and receiving?
- Why does Paul emphasize giving and receiving as important to the Lord? How do giving and receiving reflect the character of God?
- What are the characteristics of worldly giving and receiving? How are giving and receiving according to biblical principles different?
- Based on Acts 3:6-7, what is it that we can give to those around us? How can we receive from the Lord what we then need to give?
- What does it mean to give and receive the grace of God?
- How can you give yourself fully to what matters to God?