



Joyful Finances

Series: 30 Days of Joy (#4)

Main Text: Philippians 4:14–20

Introduction

This guide can be used on your own or with a small group to reflect on the weekend message and apply it to your life. Choose the questions that work best for your group—there’s no need to go through them all. To learn more, visit silverdalebc.com/smallgroups.

Icebreaker Options

1. When you hear a sermon about money, what’s your first reaction—and why do you think that is?
 2. What’s one financial lesson you’ve learned the hard way?
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Leader’s Note

Money is one of the biggest sources of stress—and one of the clearest indicators of what we trust. Paul closes Philippians by showing that finances are not just practical—they are deeply spiritual. When handled God’s way, they can actually become a source of joy, not anxiety.

Main Points

1. Your Giving Creates a Partnership with God

Key Scripture:

Philippians 4:15–17 – “No church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone... I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.”

Discuss

- How does viewing giving as a “partnership” change your perspective on generosity?
- Why do you think it’s sometimes hard to connect our giving with eternal impact?
- What motivates you more—meeting needs now or investing in eternal results?

Leader’s Note

Giving is not just about meeting needs—it’s about joining God in His work. When we give, we become partners in what God is doing, and the fruit of that ministry is credited to us. It shifts our mindset from ownership to stewardship.

2. Your Giving Pleases God

Key Scripture:

Philippians 4:18 – “A fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.”

Discuss

- How does thinking of giving as an act of worship challenge or encourage you?
- What are some reasons people might come to church “empty-handed” spiritually or practically?
- In what ways can generosity become a regular part of your worship, not just an occasional act?

Leader’s Note

Giving is not about pressure—it's about worship. Just like Old Testament sacrifices were pleasing to God, our generosity today reflects our gratitude and trust. God isn't after our money—He's after our hearts.

3. Your Giving Has a Promise from God

Key Scripture:

Philippians 4:19 – “And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Discuss

- How do we confuse trusting God for our needs versus our wants? What does He promise to supply?
- Why can it be difficult to trust God with finances, even for believers?
- How have you seen God provide for you—or how do you need to trust Him more right now?

Leader's Note

This promise is powerful—but it comes in the context of generosity. God invites us to trust Him, not just with words, but with our resources. He is faithful to provide what we need, even if it looks different than we expect.

Closing Reflection

Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” What does your current financial life reveal about where your trust and priorities are? What step is God prompting you to take?

Closing Prayer

Ask God to shape your heart toward generosity and trust. Pray for wisdom in how you use your resources and faith to believe His promises. Thank Him for His provision and ask Him to help you honor Him with your finances this week.

