

Giving God's Way
Philippians 4:14-23
LG Questions for 12.14.08

Getting Started

- 1) What Kind of Giver Are You?** There are many characters, real or imagined, associated with the Christmas season. Which one of the following characters best captures your spirit this year? Why? a) The Grinch; b) Tiny Tim; c) The Shepherds; d) The Wise Men; e) Mary; f) Joseph.

Getting into the Bible

- 2) The Greatest Giver of All!** a) Read Philippians 4:19 and share one way that God has recently kept this promise to you. b) According to the last phrase of verse 19, what is His greatest gift to you and the source of all the grace you enjoy? (See also 2 Cor. 9:13-15 and John 3:16-17.) c) Name one specific thing you are doing this Christmas to show Him your gratitude for this gift.
- 3) A String Attached.** God's promise to meet the needs of the Philippians came in response to their generosity to Paul. a) In what ways was this church an exceptional example of giving? b) What condition does this suggest that we must meet if we too wish to claim this promise? (See 2 Cor. 9:6-11 for help.) c) How well do you think the members of your church are doing at this?

Getting Personal and Practical

- 4) Your Giving.** Giving is a personal matter between the Lord and each of His followers. In fact, 1 Corinthians 9:7 tells us to give, not because we feel compelled, but out of the joy and goodness of our hearts. Take a moment to measure those two characteristics in your giving. a) How joyful are you when giving to the Lord's work and people in need? b) Name one way you have chosen to demonstrate God's love and goodness this holiday season.