

Are you growing in generosity, serving, and giving?

Diagnosing Your Spiritual Health #5

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Philemon 1:4-6 (ESV) ⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And 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. ⁹As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

1. We can grow by _____ to supply our needs

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

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

2. We can grow by _____ of God's resources

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

3. We can grow by _____.

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

