

God's Great Promise- Philippians 4:19 (Msg)

<u>You can be sure</u> that God will <u>take care of everything you need</u>, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus.

A Bit of History

- Paul is in prison in Rome awaiting execution.
- He planted several churches: Corinth, Philippi & Thessalonica
- Philippians is a "thank you note" to the Philippi Church.

The Context: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (CEV)

My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is. ² Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously. ³ They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. ⁴ They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people. ⁵ And they did more than we had hoped. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, just as God wanted them to do.

The Benefits of Generosity

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ı.	I EARN THE			•

How <u>grateful I am</u> and how I praise the Lord that you are helping me again... ¹⁴ It was <u>good of you to help me when I was having such a hard time</u>. ¹⁵ As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who <u>gave me financial help</u> when I first brought you the Good News...No other church did this. ¹⁶ You helped out—and <u>not only once, but twice</u>. ¹⁸ I am generously supplied with <u>the gifts you sent me</u>. Philippians 4:10, 14-16,18 (LB/CEV/NLT)

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God... for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ... ⁷ So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God.

Philippians 1:3,5,7 (NLT)

When I'm Generous ...

2.	I BECOME			
	Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven; it comes down from God. James 1:17 (TEV)			
	You can give without, but			
	you can't love without			
	Your lives will be filled with the truly good qualities which only Jesus Christ can produce, for the glory and praise of God.			
	Philippians I:11 (TEV)			
3.	I STRENGTHEN			
	Do not worry about anything, but pray and <u>ask God for everything you</u> <u>need</u> , always giving thanks. Philippians 4:6 (NCV)			
WI	hen I'm Generous			
4.	I MAKE			
	Your gifts are a soothing aroma, a sacrifice that God accepts and with which <u>he is pleased.</u> Philippians 4:18 (GW)			

THE PROMISE:

(THEN)... God will meet all my needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

Source: The Habits of Happiness by Rick Warren