


The Local Church and Money

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We give individually

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We receive with integrity

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Needs of Local Believers

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ... ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.
(Acts 4:32, 34-35)



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²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. (Romans 15:26)



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The use of the collection
was limited

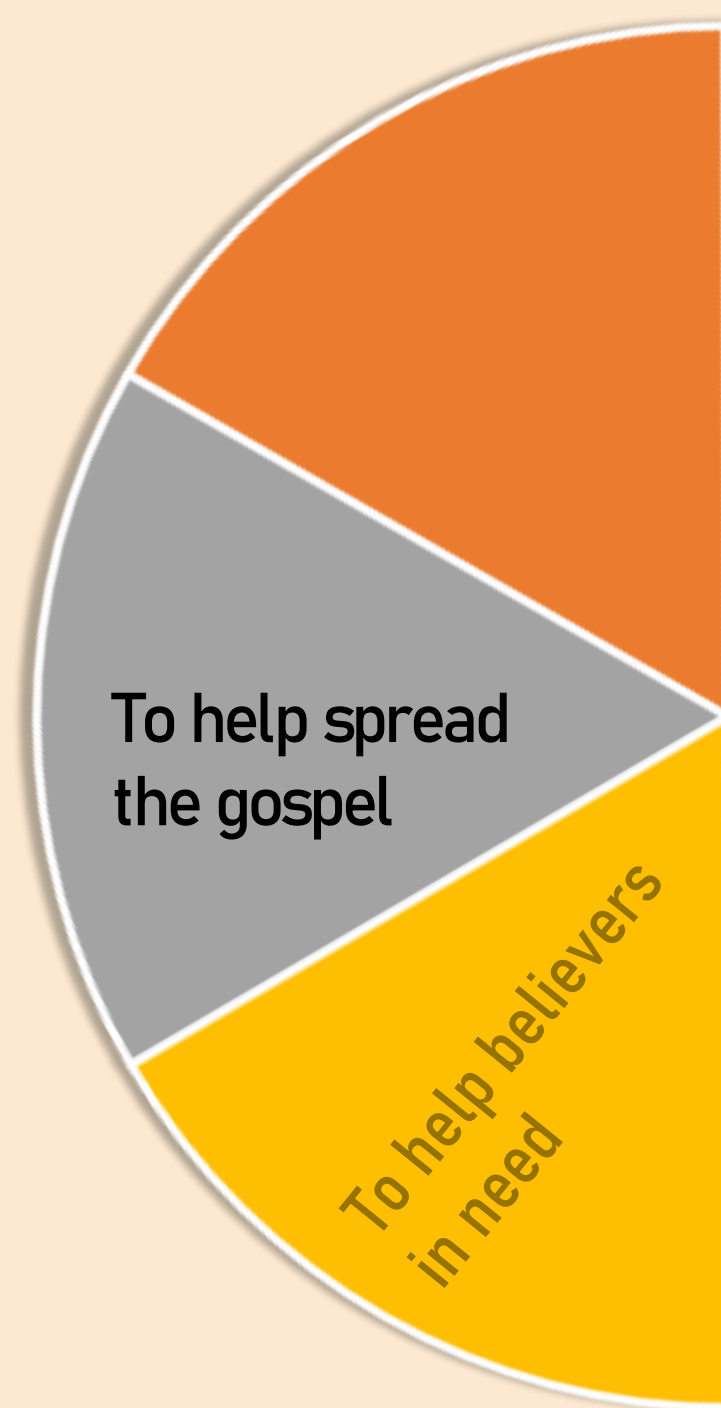


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The Philippian Church

¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. (Philippians 4:18)



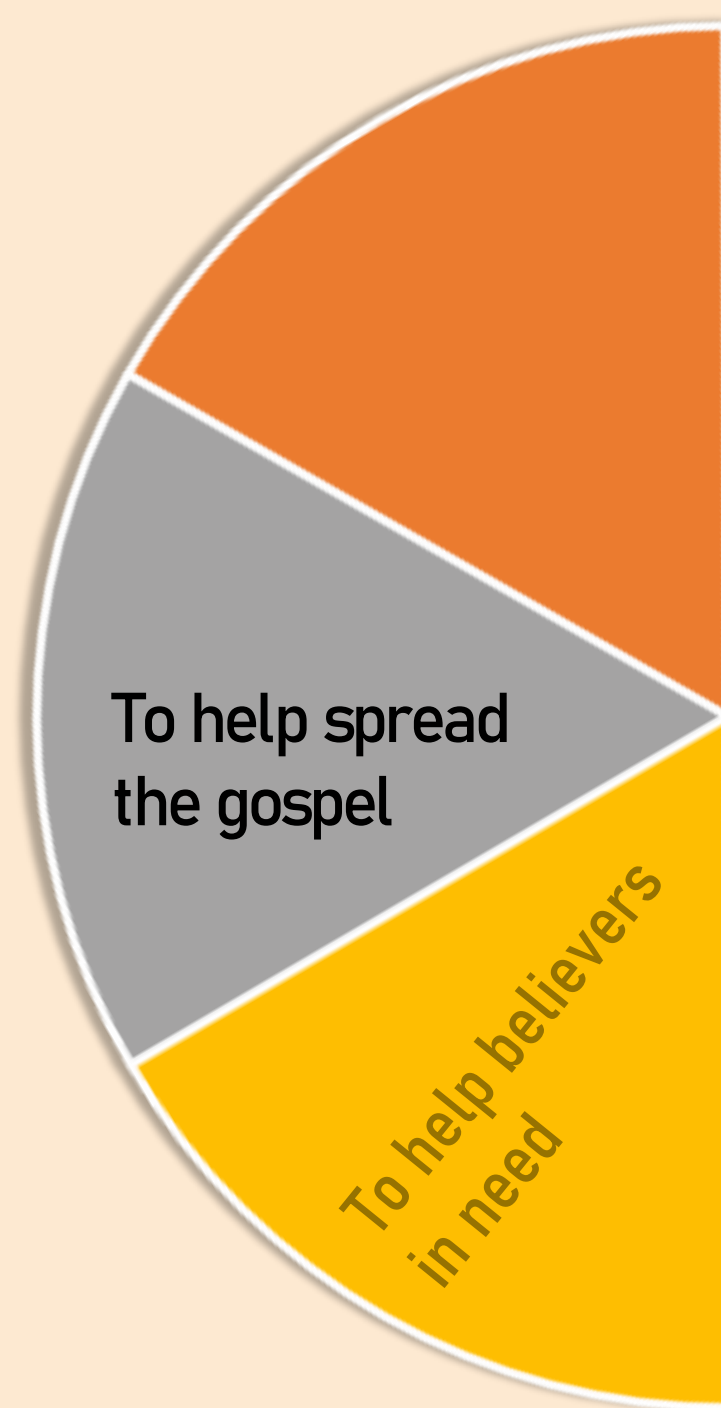
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Paul's instructions

“Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.”
(Galatians 6:6).

“The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:14).

“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching” (1 Tim. 5:17)



What Our Giving Says About God

God is the Great Giver

⁸ And 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.

⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He 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.

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. (2 Cor. 9:8–11)



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God is the Object of Our Praise

¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ” (2 Corinthians 9:12–13a)



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