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## TITLE: REACHING FORTH WITH CARE

*“Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. <sup>15</sup> Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. <sup>16</sup> For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. <sup>17</sup> Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. <sup>18</sup> But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” (Philippians 4:14–20)*

## INTRODUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

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*“But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.” (Philippians 4:10)*

**Quote:** “For centuries, Christians have been the primary agents of charity and compassion in Western culture.”

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church

**Quote:** “The \_\_\_\_\_ does not mean simply that it was a joint contribution on their part, but that they joined with him, making his affliction their own.”—**W.E. Vine**

*“Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.” (Galatians 6:6)*

**A. Communicated \_\_\_\_\_**

*“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)*

**B. Communicated \_\_\_\_\_**

**Quote:** “The Philippians’ stewardship was a barometer of their spiritual condition. It evidenced their love. Love takes the stew out of stewardship. The love gift pleased God, relieved Paul, and enriched the Philippians.”—**King James Version Bible Commentary**

**C. Communicated \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)*

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Church**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ to Their Account**

**Quote:** “One of the great joys of giving financially through the local church is the eternal benefit that Paul alludes to here. Anyone who supports God’s work will have fruit to their account in Heaven.”

*“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)*

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord**

THE APOSTLE’S NEED WAS MET

THE SACRIFICE WAS PLEASING TO GOD

*“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”  
(2 Timothy 2:4)*

*“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16)*

*“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”  
(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the Church

#### A. Personal \_\_\_\_\_

ALL NEEDS PROVIDED

ALL NEEDS PROVIDED TO GIVING CHRISTIANS

*“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”  
(Malachi 3:10)*

#### B. God Is \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “When we willingly participate in His work, He is glorified and we are blessed.”

*“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,  
<sup>21</sup> Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20–21)*

CONCLUSION \_\_\_\_\_

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*“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” (2 Corinthians 9:15)*