

Collaborative Missions

Exactly what does our missionary giving do? Phil 4:10-23

Let's meet Edwin Alderete from Peru.

I. My giving encourages missionaries. (Verses 10-13)

A. It lifts his spirit.

B. It meets his needs. – (verses 14-16)

II. My giving makes me a partner in the gospel; it gives me fruit in faraway places. (verse 17)

A. Note that the senders and the sent are credited with the work.

B. Not convinced? How about this? – *Matthew 6:20 ...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

III. My giving pleases God. (v.18)

A. God is pleased when his servants are supplied.

B. God is pleased when a sacrifice is given. *Hebrews 13:16; 1 Peter 2:5*

IV. My giving energizes the promise of provision for me. (verse 19)

V. My giving brings Glory to God. (verse 20)

VI. My giving invades the stronghold of the Devil.

(verse 21-22)

Phil 1.3-6. Your prayers matter; your giving matters; you are not just sending money you are sharing in the work. You are collaborating.

- **Examine your resources.**
- **Consider God's ability.**
- **Determine to collaborate.**

We've been getting it wrong about missions. It is not "Everyone prays, many give, and some go."

It is, "everyone prays, everyone gives, and everyone goes; some go further (and we go with them).