

It was a minor problem. He was a retired faithful servant of God. It was a tiny congregation. We might think God would be too busy with larger and more important needs than to be concerned about a flat tire. But His promise to provide for the needs of His people covers little things as well as big ones.

The same God who helped Elisha retrieve the borrowed ax head (2 Ki. 6:5-7), who supplied food for a faithful widow (1 Ki. 17:8-16), and who provided wine at a small-town wedding (Jn. 2:1-10) meets our needs as well.

Think back over the past few days. Has the Lord taken care of some minor needs in your life? Has He solved some nagging problem? Thank Him! As today unfolds, remember that He provides the little things too. --DCE

*If God sees the sparrow's fall,  
Paints the lilies, short and tall,  
Gives the skies their azure hue,  
Will He not then care for you? --Anon.*

**Nothing is too great for God to accomplish,  
nothing is too small for His attention.**



➤ **CMBC NEWS, Stop-Press: PNG.** WE saw more than 160 kids make decisions to either believe in Jesus or give their lives to Him fully! The power of prayer was unleashed and revealed! Thanks for all that gave, prayed and joined us this amazing week...we went through HUGE amounts of food filling up 500 HUNGRY big teens!!!

# Central Mountains Baptist Church

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### The Little Things Too

*My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. --Philippians 4:19*

Pastor Harold Springstead was driving along, on his way to preach at a little country church, when he felt a sudden vibration. A tire had gone flat. As the 78-year-old pastor manoeuvred his car to a stop, a trucker pulled up behind him. A young man jumped out, assessed the situation, and cheerfully changed the tire. Pastor Springstead got to the service in plenty of time, and it was not until later that he realised his car didn't even have a jack!



# Insights for Living

## The Blessings of Generosity



2:1-3, 4:2-3, 3:2-3, 2:25-29

**(2 Corinthians 8:1-4)** "Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: {2} that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. {3} For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, {4} imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints."



Uncle Gordon

As Paul thanks the Philippians for their gift he emphasises the blessing of generosity to the two parties involved:

**1. Blessings to the \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_),** verses 10,14, 18, 15, 16

- #1. \_\_\_\_\_
- #2. Feeling \_\_\_\_\_,
- #3. \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Galatians 6:2)** "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."  
**(Hebrews 13:3)** "Remember the prisoners as if chained with them; those who are mistreated; since you yourselves are in the body also."

**#4. Strengthened \_\_\_\_\_,**



**(2 Corinthians 11:8-9)** "I robbed other churches, taking wages from them to minister to you. {9} And when I was present with you, and in need, I was a burden to no one, for what I lacked the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep myself."

**2. Blessings to the \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_),** verses 10, 15, 18, 17, 2:17, 4:19, 20-23, 1:12-13, 2

- #1. \_\_\_\_\_ blessings,
- (Exodus 29:18)** ""And you shall burn the whole ram on the altar.; it is a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD."
- (Romans 12:1)** "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."
- (Hebrews 13:15)** "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the

fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."

**#2. \_\_\_\_\_ blessings,**

- (Proverbs 11:24-25)** "There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. {25} The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself."
- (Proverbs 19:17)** "He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given."
- (Proverbs 22:9)** "He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor."
- (Luke 6:38)** ""Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.""
- (2 Corinthians 9:6)** "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

