



## **Generosity - 11.16.25**

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#### **2 Corinthians 8:8-15(NIV)**

I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 10 And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. 12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. 13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. 14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, 15 as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-15(ESV)

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful 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.”<sup>10</sup> 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. 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, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. 15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

## 1. We need a revelation of Gods generosity

### 2 Corinthians 8:9(NIV)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

- Jim Elliot

## 2. We should have Joyful response to God’s generosity

### 2 Corinthians 9:7(ESV)

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

“Giving is the joyful surrender  
of a heart set free.”

- Randy Alcorn

## 3. Generosity is using our whole life as an act of worship

- Our words.
- Our time.

- Our talents.
- Our money.

#### **4. The Result of generosity.**

- A harvest of righteousness

#### **2 Corinthians 9:10 (ESV)**

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.

- You become a channel of God's provision

#### **2 Corinthians 9:12**

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

- God is glorified

#### **2 Corinthians 9:13(ESV)**

By their approval of this service, *they will glorify God because of your submission* that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others