



Series: The Joy of Living a Generous Life

Passage 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 9:1-9

Title Generous in Giving Part II

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Discussion Starter: What does it mean to be a willing and joyful giver? Why would God care if you gave by compulsion or willingly, with an unhappy attitude or with a joyful attitude?

Lies We Believe About Money (Psalms 37:21; Proverbs 11:24)

- The common lies we believe about money are: 1) If I made more I'd save more. 2) Rich people should be generous. 3) I'll give more when I make more. 4) It's the amount that counts. 5) Neither Jesus or the New Testament ever command us to give. Have you ever believed any of these lies? What are your thoughts about these issues now?
- Do you think it is common for people to believe that they will start giving to God and being generous when they are making more money? How and why is this dangerous and deceptive mind set?
- How does God use money as His tool to test and grow us? What are the "true riches" Jesus mentioned in; Luke 16:10–11

They Gave Willingly (2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Deuteronomy 14:23; 2 Peter 2:2-3)

- The churches in Macedonia gave generously and sacrificially and yet they were much poorer than the church in Corinth. Why do you think Paul is using them as an example on giving? What does this tell us about each churches spiritual maturity?
- According to 2 Peter 2:-2-3, there are false teachers that use deceptive words to exploit the flock, using compulsion, emotional manipulation and telling people that if you give more you will received more as a promise of God. Is this true? What are these false teachers catering to? According to the scriptures how will God deal with these false teachers?
- Why do you think it is important that we give sacrificially? What other example does Paul use as a demonstration of what it means to give sacrificially (2Cor 8:9)?

Craft a Giving Plan (2 Corinthians 9:1-9; Isaiah 32:8)

- Paul exhorts the Corinthians to prepare their offering in advance of the distribution and to plan ahead. What blessing is found in preparing in advance? What are the dangers of not preparing in advance to give?
- The Corinthian Christians planned on giving but had not actually gave. Have you ever mentally pledged an offering to the LORD and then just let it slip out of your mind? What are some of the things we can learn from how Paul exhorts the Corinthians to get back on track with the pledge that they had promised?
- Most people spend first, save second, and give last. Generous people give first, save second, and spend last. What are some of the practical benefits of establishing Godly Financial Priorities in our lives?