

Series: "POWER UP"
 Part 6: "THE POWER OF GENEROSITY"
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Two Sinful Approaches to Money

1. The consuming _____ of always wanting _____
2. The controlling _____ of not having _____

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

2 Corinthians 8:1-4 (NIV)

¹⁰I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:10-13 (NIV)

Two Keys to Resisting the Power of Money Over Our Hearts

1. Learn the _____ of _____
 - Practice _____-sufficiency,
not _____-sufficiency

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with

the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only;

Philippians 4:14-15 (NIV)

2. Embrace the _____ of _____

- It's a sign of your _____ in the _____

¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.

Philippians 4:16-17 (NIV)

- It's evidence of your _____

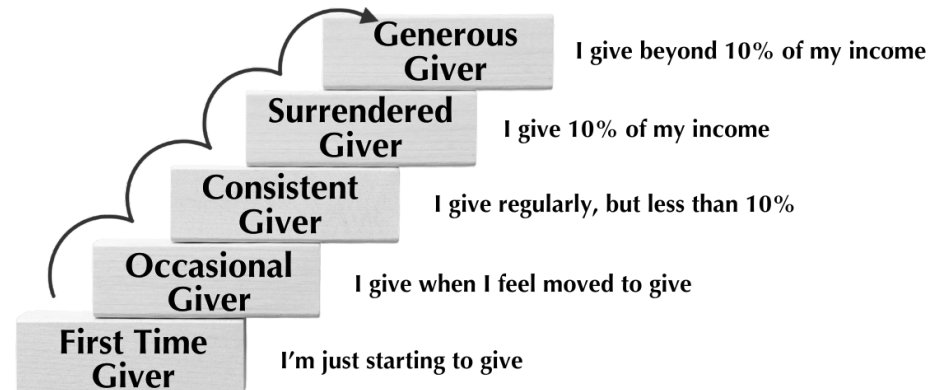
¹⁸I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:18-20 (NIV)

- It flows out of your _____ for _____

The Generosity Ladder



Which next step is your goal? _____