

# True Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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## **BIG IDEA: Generosity is a heart issue, not a dollar amount.**

Generosity begins in the heart, acts in faith, and overflows in many blessings.

### **I. Generosity begins in the heart (v. 7)**

**2 Corinthians 9:7** | Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**2 Corinthians 9:13** | ...your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ,

**2 Corinthians 9:14** | ... because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

**2 Corinthians 8:1-4** | We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—

### **II. Generosity acts in faith (vv. 8-10)**

**2 Corinthians 9:8-10** | 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. As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” 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.

**Philippians 4:19** | And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

### **III. Generosity multiplies blessings (vv. 6, 10-15)**

#### **A. We are enriched (vv. 6, 10-11)**

**2 Corinthians 9:6, 10-11** | The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully... 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 will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

**Proverbs 11:24-25** | One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

**Luke 6:38** | Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

#### **B. Others are supplied (v. 12)**

**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.

#### **C. God is glorified (vv. 13-15)**

**2 Corinthians 9:13-15** | 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, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

#### **Benediction | 2 Corinthians 9:8**

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.