

## The Journey Week 5 - Generosity

The key component of the journey is about how selfless I can become.

What is generosity anyway? **Generosity - Greek Haplotēs (Hap-lot-ace) - having your heart open to the point your selflessness is shown through your liberal gift giving.**

**2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.**

- **Giving is gaining**

**Verse 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."**[c]

**Cheerfully in Greek is hilaros: It is the root for our English word hilarious.**

- **It's not a question on whether you should or shouldn't give, but how much to give.**
- **Generosity has more to do with our attitude in giving than the amount we give**
- **Our giving reveals the purposes in our heart.**

**Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

**Verse 8-9 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 9 As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."**[d]

- **Our giving is rewarded in many different ways, materially and spiritually.**
  - How does material loss affect your happiness?
  - How happy do you get from having some material thing?
- **God wants us to be channels of blessing, not reservoirs of blessing.**

**Verse 10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity[e] in you.**

**Verse 11-12 Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. 12 So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem[f] will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.**