

Living Your Life on Purpose
Part 2: The Grace of Generosity

We are to be a part of God's "family" business which is being a **blessing to the world**.

Jeremiah 29:4-7; Matthew 24:14-15

There are **6,701** unreached people groups in the world - representing **2.83** billion people. That's **42%** of the world who still haven't heard.

Foundations Church Missional (Purpose) Strategy:
Giving; Going; Living

An Example from Paul
I Corinthians 16:1-4

1: Paul was **itinerating and raising funds** in various churches for Jewish Christians in Jerusalem.

2: The collection was for **another people group**.

Romans 15:26-27; John 13:35

3: Paul explains that **our motivation** for giving is **Christ**.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Grace is what God wants to do not just *in* and *for* Christians but **through them**.

2 Corinthians 8:8-15

4: Paul explains the results of our giving is **reaping blessing**.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The church from the beginning operated in generosity for the sake of **others and the Gospel**.

Giving is the starting point to a **missional heart**.
Acts 4:33-37; Acts 11:25-26

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Before you start:

- Remember to make some uninterrupted time for this, even if it's just 10 minutes.
- Remind yourself God is wanting to engage with you and waiting for you to ask anything
- Recall what you heard, felt, experienced on Sunday during service and the sermon.
- Read the passages slowly, more than once, and see if a phrase, word, or passage is sticking out.

- Respond to that in prayer: ask God why this word is speaking to you now, use that word as a prayer prompt.

Day 1

Read: Jeremiah 29:4-7 (*Focus on everywhere you GO?*)

- If you want, play the worship song 'Faithful Now' by Vertical Worship and listen to it while you read the passage or before you read the passage.
- Consider Committing to give (as a household) a 'Missions Pledge'
- Think about where you live and work right now, the good, bad, and confusing.
- Ask God to show you how and what you can begin to give graciously to those areas. How can you be a gracious giving person wherever you go? *Pray for everywhere you have been and will be going by name.*

Day 2

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 and 1 Corinthians 8:8-9 (*How can you GIVE?*)

- If you can play 'Waymaker' by Leeland and just sit, walk, or kneel in prayer and listen to the words carefully.
- Pray about what your missions pledge might be?
- Think of verse 2 and 7...what difficult thing might be bothering you now? How can you show grace and give 'radical' grace to that situation or those individuals?
- Ask God how you can be part of the answer in that situation, even if it means if it's reckless...*take some time in prayer and remember Jesus' example.*

Day 3:

Read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (*How can I LIVE?*)

- If you can make time, find and play the song 'Tremble' by Mosaic MSC.
- Continue to commit to your missions pledge
- Think of how you have decided in your heart to give and live (v. 7)...take some time with this.
- Where around you (locally) can you give of yourself generously for the sake of others?
- What are you doing out of compulsion that might need to be reevaluated?
- Ask God to fill you with the grace he shows you. (*pray and remember your salvation story, think of all the moments and people that shaped you, ask God to help you continue the process for and with others.*)