

Day 4: Generosity:

“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.” - 2 Corinthians 9:10

Read:

Take time to read this verse again. Take in every word.

Think:

Take time to imagine this story.

You are hosting a pitch-in dinner party. The dinner is over and it's time for dessert. At one end of a long table you see there is the most delicious pie. There are a lot of other guests and you hope to get a piece. Now each guest would be associated with somewhere that your money goes each month.

The first guest is your bills. They take a big slice of the pie and pass the rest down to the next guest. The second guest is your fun! They take a big slice and pass the rest. The next guest is your child's college savings. They take a big slice and pass the rest on. It looks like you're running out of pie. It's okay though. There's one guy after you, so you will definitely get some. The next guest is your car

payment. That guest needs to be fed so you can to and from work, right? Finally the pie comes to you. You see there is only one piece left. The whole table looks down to see what you're going to do with it. You look down at all the others to see that they have enjoyed taking their share. Why shouldn't you take the last of it? You plate the last slice in front of you and the last guy gets none. There's a murmur down the line at the table. You ask, "What's the matter?" Your other guests say, "We can't believe you didn't give any to the guy on the end. He's the one that brought the pie."

When it comes to our finances, it's so easy to act this way towards God. He has provided us with every single thing that we have. Every hair on our heads. Every breath in our lungs, ever dollar in our bank accounts. Yet we do not honor Him with a generous heart by following His command of tithing.

Pray:

Pray for a better understand of what the Lord has sacrificed for you because of his divine generosity. What can you sacrifice to see to it that others that have not heard the Gospel can hear it and know that same generosity that you've experienced from the one true King? What can you give to see His kingdom grow? What can you give to increase a harvest of righteousness? Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal the answer.