

Sermon on the Amount: The Impact of Generosity NOTES 2 Cor. 9:10-15

Giving principles 2 Cor. 8- Give as a priority; obediently, proportionately, and cheerfully. Jesus knew whether we ignore or apply these principles, there is a positive or a negative impact on our lives. How?

1. **Impacts our Increase:** 9:10 refers back to 9:6-9; Law of the Harvest Principle: Sow greater than you reap. Haggai 1:5-6 *this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."*
Mal. 3:11 *I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe, says the Lord Almighty.*

Why does God often increase and enrich us? V. 10 & 11: NIV- *You will be made rich in every way, so that... you can be generous in every occasion.* Randy Alcorn - *God doesn't increase us to raise our standard of living but our standard of giving.*

2. **Transforms our Heart:** We grow in the likeness of Christ and a byproduct is that we begin to act and love like Jesus. What is the antidote to materialism (affluenza)?
Antidote 1: V.10 It all belongs to the Lord, He's the provider. I am just a steward.
3. **Impacts Others & Produces Thanksgiving V.11-15:** V.12 giving supplies the needs of others. **Antidote 2:** Realizing that I am one of those "Others". **V. 9:15** When I realize that I am a recipient of this indescribable gift, I give out of gratitude for Christmas!
In 8:9 he says, *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."*

Grow Group Questions:

1. The average American attender gives only 1-2%. What are the typical obstacles or excuses to giving?
2. How does God use giving as a faith building exercise?
3. What motivates you to give so it is not out of obligation or duty but a joy?
4. Share with the group how you have seen God meet your needs when you were generous with others.

Gabe mentioned the value of reading Randy Alcorn's Treasure Principle book. Here is a 2 minute summary.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Announcements 12/3

1. Angel Tree Donations Due! - Pick up an angel in the lobby today to bless the children of the High Point Community.
2. CHROME Mission Trip: 12/6-12/10 - Final Pre-Trip Info meeting happening TODAY in the Fellowship Hall Classroom at 12:45p
3. GriefShare Support Class - Starts Dec. 5th - 13 week program to help hurting individuals find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Find out more information and register at feathersoundchurch.com/griefshare
4. Feather Sound Christmas! - See all of our Christmas Events at feathersoundchurch.com/christmas
5. Church Clean Up Day 12/16 - Help us maintain our church buildings and grounds!
6. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 12/24 at 6pm - Invite everyone!