

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Greater Generosity

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What are some principles to help us reflect our generous God in the area of giving?

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

- **We give joyfully and generously.**

2 Corinthians 8:2 "They are filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity."

- **We give sacrificially.**

2 Corinthians 8:3 "...they gave what they could afford but far more."

- **We give freely and willingly.**

2 Corinthians 8:3 "...they [gave] of their own free will."

- **We give out of a surrendered heart.**

2 Corinthians 8:5 "They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do."

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- **We seek to excel in the gift of giving.**

2 Corinthians 8:7 "...excel also in this gracious act of giving."

- **We live and give in response to grace.**

2 Corinthians 8:9 "You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."

- **We honour our financial commitments.**

2 Corinthians 8:10-11 "Here is my advice: It would be good for you to finish what you started a year ago. Last year you were the first who wanted to give, and you were the first to begin doing it. ¹¹ Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving."

- **We give proportionally.**

2 Corinthians 8:11-13 "Give in proportion to what you have. ¹² Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. ¹³ Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality."

- **We give to bless others so they can experience the grace of God.**

2 Corinthians 8:14 "Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need."

Big Idea: Embrace a greater Gospel to enlarge your generosity.

ACTION STEPS:

- **Wonder at the generosity of God's grace.**

- **Evaluate your giving and your generosity before the Lord.**

- **Prayerfully consider what God is asking you to commit to give towards Greater Impact.**

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).



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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Who is the most generous person you know? Describe their characteristics. How do you experience their generosity?

4) Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. What do you find helpful or challenging about this passage as it relates to giving and generosity.

5) Read and reflect on 2 Corinthians 8:9. What does this tell us about God and about us? How does this make you feel? How does the grace of God impact our view of generosity?

6) Reflect on the 9 giving principles Paul gives us in 2 Corinthians 8 and highlight 1 or 2 that seem most significant or helpful for you.

7) Discuss the merits of this statement: *“Our giving reflects who we really believe is in charge of our life.”* What are the implications for you?

8) Take some time to evaluate your giving and generosity before the Lord (you may need to have a conversation with your spouse and/or family). Where have you been faithful in managing God’s resources? Where do you need to grow in generosity? What action steps is God asking you to take in this regard?

9) Take some time to prayerfully consider what God is asking you to commit to give towards the Greater Impact giving challenge. Nov. 17 is the day when we will bring our 3 year pledges to the Lord and Nov. 24th is the day when we will bring our first gifts and then we will celebrate God’s goodness together over a meal!



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