

## **Series: We are the Church - DNA of a Growing Church**

### **A Commitment to Generosity**

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 9:1-8

**Context** - In 2 Corinthians 9:1–8, Paul exhorts the Corinthian church to complete their promised gift for the needy saints in Jerusalem, teaching that Christian giving must flow willingly and joyfully from grace, trusting that God abundantly supplies and blesses those who give generously for His glory.

#### **As you pursue generosity...**

##### **I. \_\_\_\_\_ bountifully (vs. 6)**

- A. "Giving is true loving. When we give bountifully, it is not because God needs our money, but because He is shaping our hearts to trust Him rather than our possessions." (C.H. Spurgeon, Sermon on 2 Cor. 9)
- B. "Grace-driven giving is not a way to get more from God, but a response to how much we have already received in Christ." (Jerry Bridges, Transforming Grace)

##### **II. \_\_\_\_\_ your motives (vs. 7)**

- A. "Our obedience, including our giving, reveals whether we are acting out of gratitude for grace or attempting to earn favor." (Jerry Bridges, Transforming Grace)
- B. "What is given freely and with delight is pleasing to God; what is forced loses its fragrance." (Matthew Henry Commentary)

##### **III. \_\_\_\_\_ the chaos (vs. 8)**

- A. "God gives sufficiency so that the heart may rest, not so that the flesh may boast." (Augustine, Sermons)
- B. "Paul does not promise riches, but sufficiency; not abundance for indulgence, but provision for obedience." (John Calvin, Commentary on 2 Corinthians)