"GENEROUS"

Part Two "Trust: The Foundation For Generous"

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NIV)

Verse 11: "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

INTRODUCTION:

Fact 1: Trusting God is a very <u>difficult thing</u> for most people. to do.

- * Why Is "Trusting God" Difficult?
 - 1. We want to be in <u>control</u> of our own lives. (*Luke* 12:16-21)
 - 2. We do not really <u>know</u> God. (*Matthew 6:2*5-32)
 - 3. We struggle with the concept of <u>faith</u>. (*James* 2:14-22)

Fact 2: Trust is the Foundation for "Generous".

- 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)
- 6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

(Proverbs 3:1-10)

* Three Observations:

- 1. Underlined words are all inclusive.
- 2. The commands proceed the promises.
- 3. The promises are conditional.

* Four Reasons We Can "Trust" God:

- 1. God's <u>Care</u> Is <u>Constant</u>.. (*Hebrews* 13:5-6; 1 *Peter* 5:6-7)
- 2. God's <u>Gifts Are Generous</u>. (2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Corinthians 9:8)
- 3. God's <u>Word Always Works</u>. (*Hebrews 4:12; Romans 4:18-21*)
- 4. God's <u>Power</u> Is <u>Present</u>. (*Romans 8:11, 31, 35-39*)

Fact 3: Trusting God Requires Obedience.

- * Action Steps:
 - 1. Accept Jesus As <u>Lord</u> and <u>Savior</u>.
 - 2. Get Connected To A Local Church.
 - 3. Begin To <u>Grow</u> In Your <u>Walk</u> With God.
 - 4. Look For <u>Opportunities</u> To Be <u>Generous</u>.