

**Rooted!**  
**Sacrificial Generosity, 2 Corinthians 9:6-14 NIV**  
**January 27 & 31, 2021**

**Getting Started:** (Choose one or two questions to begin your time together.)

- Why do you think about Jesus' statement to His friends in Ephesus "It is more blessed to give than to receive"?
- What's one of the most foolish purchases you ever made? What was the reasoning behind it? What was the consequence of the purchase?
- Give an example of a time when you acted on the statement Generosity is not a sacrifice, it's an investment." Does that feel like a truth or a paradox?

**Let's talk about Spiritual Disciplines:**

- When have you been generous because you gave with a sense of reluctance, or a feeling of guilt or shame?
- Name a situation when you have given from your heart – from a place of joy and gladness. How did you know this was from the Lord as evident in verses 12 – 14?
- Do you need more wisdom when it comes to finances...or more discipline? How is "Discipline more fun than Debt"?
- In what ways do you consider yourself a disciplined person? Where do you sometimes lack discipline?

- Which of the following is hardest for you? Which one is most manageable?
  1. **Planning out a budget**
  2. **Living within your means**
  3. **Aggressively eliminating debt**
  4. **Saying NO today to open up a bigger YES in the future**
  5. **Saving for significance**
  6. **Starting with the end in mind**

Paul wraps up his letter to the Corinthians by saying “**15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**”

- What is this gift?
- Who can be the “wise counselors” in areas that you are wanting to grow?

**Where are you NOW...and WHO do you want to become?**

**Suggested Spiritual Practices for this week – BE with Jesus, BECOME like Jesus, DO what Jesus did!**

- A. Prayer. Write out a prayer surrendering your finances to God. Ask him for wisdom in tithing, saving, and spending. Thank Him for entrusting you with all that He’s given.
- B. Reading and Responding. Go through Proverbs and highlight key passages on financial wisdom.
- C. Reach out! Who do you know that needs the wisdom of Financial Peace University?