

Clotured in Christ



2023

 Cornerstone
Church

Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Generosity

...that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord, begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord

Generosity

True Generosity starts by giving yourself to God

- Affliction + Joy + Poverty = Generosity?
- Seek God's Kingdom first
- Proper response to the Gospel

Generosity

True Generosity is modeled in the Gospel

- God's Love expressed through Grace
- Father, Son, and Spirit demonstrate generosity
- Savior was homeless

Generosity

True Generosity requires consistency and discipline

- Corinth had the desire, but struggled with follow through
- First Fruits

Generosity

True Generosity is proportional to income

- By your ability
- Tithing isn't specifically referenced

Generosity

True Generosity is well informed and biblically directed

- Will it supply someone's need
- Should be carefully directed

Generosity

True Generosity recognizes it's all God's

- Manna
- Look for opportunities to give

“

**Money flows effortlessly to that
which is its god.**

-Tim Keller

”

Generosity

- Does the idea of generosity make you feel motivated or obligated?
- In what ways do you feel blessed? Was the first thing to come to mind something financial or spiritual?
- Ask God if there is some way He would want you to be generous