

Message Notes | Mission Builders

Part 4: Why to Give

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

→ the opportunity before us

→ money and church

#1 Guilt can get us to do things.

→ Paul teaches the Corinthians about generosity – **vs. 6**

#2 Generosity produces a harvest bigger than money.

→ we get to be a part of Gospel work

#3 Generosity is a decision before it's an offering.

→ God loves a cheerful giver – **vs. 7**

→ a great exchange – **2 Corinthians 8:9**

#4 The grace of Jesus turns "I have to" into "I get to."

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1. What's something you've bought or spent money on recently that you were genuinely excited about? What made it worth it to you?
2. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6.** Paul compares generosity to planting and harvesting. What do you think he wants us to understand through that picture? Where have you seen generosity produce a "harvest" that was bigger than the money or gift itself?
- 3 **Read 2 Corinthians 9:7.** What stands out to you about the words "*decided*," "*reluctantly*," "*under compulsion*," and "*cheerful*"? What do those words tell us about the kind of generosity God desires?
4. The message made the point that generosity is intentional. It involves thinking, praying, planning, and deciding. Why do you think intentional generosity can be difficult? What tends to happen when we leave generosity entirely to the moment?
5. The message said, "**My sinful heart has a way of taking God's good gifts and making them all about me.**" Where do you see that tendency in yourself? Why is it so easy to move from *enjoying* God's gifts to viewing them primarily in terms of what they can do for us?
6. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:9.** Paul could have motivated the Corinthians by emphasizing how badly the Jerusalem Christians needed their money. Instead, he points them to Jesus. Why do you think Paul does that? How is grace a different motivation for generosity than guilt or pressure?
7. How does remembering what Jesus has already given us turn "I have to" into "I get to"? Where in your Christian walk of faith might this shift of thinking make the biggest difference?

**Take time this week to pray and consider the Mission Builders opportunity.*