



# Lasting Joy

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## Generous People...

- Are **GIVING** people
- Experience **LASTIG JOY** in life

*<sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 ESV

## Tension between two realities: **GOD'S IDEAL** vs. **BROKEN WORLD'S REAL**

Scriptural assumption that God's people are...

- **COMMITTED**
- **CONNECTED**
- **CONTRIBUTING**

**NEXT STEPS** get us from wherever we **are** to where God wants us to be

## Reflection Questions:

- How could God use you personally as you grow in generosity?
- How could God use Hope Church for greater Kingdom impact as we continue to grow in generosity?



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## Steps toward the Generous Life:

### LEGACY GIVER

*2 Corinthians 9:10-11*

### GENEROUS GIVER

*Numbers 18:21*

*Leviticus 27:30*

*Malachi 3:8-11*

*Matthew 23:23; 6:33*

### TITHER

*Luke 6:38*

*1 Corinthians 16:2*

### INTENTIONAL GIVER

### OCCASIONAL GIVER

### FIRST TIME GIVER

### NON-GIVER



## Recommended Resources

[The Generosity Ladder](#) by Nelson Searcy (Pick up your **FREE** copy today after the service)

[Tithing: Discovering the Freedom of Biblical Giving](#) by R.T. Kendall

[Generous Living: Finding Contentment through Giving](#) by Ron Blue

### Memory Verse

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV*

## My Next Steps:

- I'll memorize 2 Corinthians 9:7.
- Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- I'll take the Generous Life Challenge (choose 1 or more):
  - Choose one act of generosity daily for the next 30 days
  - Move up the Generosity Ladder at least 1 rung for next 3 months.
  - Give to the 2021 Christmas Offering
- I'll sign up for *Getting Traction with Money* seminar on December 11th.
- I'll \_\_\_\_\_