

More Than Enough— 3 Qualities of Generous People

So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:6 NLT

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7 NLT

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. Isaiah 32:8 NLT

Giving is what we do; generous is who we are.

3 Qualities of Generous People

- 1. Generous people give willingly.**
- 2. Generous people give proportionately.**
- 3. Generous people give sacrificially.**

1. Generous people give willingly.

... Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.¹¹ Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. ¹²For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:10-12 NIV

2. Generous people give proportionately.

... Give in proportion to what you have. ¹²Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. 2 Corinthians 8:11-12 NLT

Prioritize your portion.

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.”

Leviticus 27:30 NIV

On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. ... 1 Corinthians 16:2 NLT

3. Generous people give sacrificially.

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. ⁴²Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. ⁴³Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. ⁴⁴For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”

Mark 12:41-44 NLT

TALK IT OVER

Read **Isaiah 32:8**. What are some ways people can plan to be generous? What might make it difficult for people to “stand firm in their generosity”?

Generous people give willingly, proportionally, and sacrificially. Which of those three qualities would you like to grow in most?

What’s one step you could take this week to become a more generous person?