

You're Richer than You Think: Part 3

Generosity: 1 Timothy 6: 18, 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

In order to really enjoy what God has given us, we need to understand how the principle of generosity works.

Generosity is a gracious response to grace.

- 1. Generosity is an opportunity to partner with God.**
- 2. Generosity doesn't flow from how much money you have in the bank but how much joy you have in your heart.**
- 3. Generosity isn't a matter of duty but of desire.**

Application:

Giving is something you do. Generous is something you become.

If Generosity is a gracious response to grace: Step into his cycle of grace with your whole life and finances.

Pick a percentage.

Life Group Questions

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Review Sunday's teaching. Write down all of your observations, questions and comments.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Does it excite you to think that you can partner with God in His work through generous giving?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. What can you remember about the context of this passage and the situation they are responding to? One of the key words in this passage is grace. In what ways is generosity connected with grace according to these verses? What made their generosity possible even though they were poor (verse 2)? What does that tell us about how we should give?

What is the motivation for the generosity of the Macedonian church according to these verses? How can we make sure that we are impacted by the same motivation?

In verse 7 Paul encourages them to excel in generosity. How do you think the early church practiced this? (See Acts 2:42-47 for another example) What would it look like if our church excelled in generosity? What barriers might there be to our generosity both personally and collectively?

Do you give regularly and generously? Do you give based on a percentage of your income? Why or why not? What are some of the factors that keep us from being generous? Are there ways you have been able to grow in your generosity that might help others in the group?

What is one way that you could foster a more generous spirit in your life? Pray for one another in these specific applications.