

Joyful Generosity

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2 Corinthians 9:6-7

*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” **2 Corinthians 9:6-7***

Big Idea: Generous Giving Generates Joy

1. God wants you to give cheerfully. (9:7)

A. God wants your heart.

Jesus said, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Matthew 6:21

B. God wants you to experience joy.

*“...remembering the words the Lord Jesus said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” **Acts 20:35***

C. God wants you to give purposely/thoughtfully. (Intentional)

2. God wants you to reap the benefits of generosity. (9:6)

A. In this life – God will *“... enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”*
(2 Corinthians 9:10-13)

B. In the life to come (Heaven). Matthew 6:19-20

“You can’t take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.”

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” **Matthew 6:19-20***

Jesus said, *“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”* **Luke 14:13-14**

Sermon questions

This Sunday, we'll be discovering how Generous Giving Generates Joy. The passage is **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. When I hear a message on giving, I feel... (and why).
 - a. Anxious
 - b. Excited
 - c. Annoyed
 - d. Guilty
 - e. None of the above

2. Read our verses in their whole context, from **vs. 6-15**. What reasons does Paul give to encourage our generosity? Which of these speaks the most to you personally?

3. Why do you think Paul puts his first emphasis in **vs. 7** on our attitude in giving rather than the amount or frequency of our giving?
4. In what ways do you need to **grow** in your generosity? What would that look like in practice?
5. In what ways can your generosity help the gospel **go** out into our world? Have you connected those two things (generosity and gospel) in the past?