

## Core Commitments - Generosity

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

South Orlando Baptist Church

**Topics:** Giving, Grace, the Gospel

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**Supplemental Text:** See below:

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To grow in sacrificial, cheerful generosity....

1. Reflect on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the giver (vs. 6-7)
  - A. You reap what you sow is a theme found all throughout scripture: Job 4:8; Ps. 126:5; Prov. 22:8; Jer. 12:13; Matt. 6:26; John 4:36–37; Gal. 6:7.
  - B. Such giving should be done cheerfully.
  
2. Realize God's overflowing \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 8-9)
  - A. His grace will overflow to you!
  - B. He will always give you everything you need.
  - C. His purpose is that you would excel in every good work.
  
3. Research the \_\_\_\_\_ that generosity supplies (vs. 10-14)
  - A. The text literally says, “You will be enriched in every way.”
  - B. The meaning of this passage should not be stressed in a way to support the “Prosperity Gospel,” the blasphemous idea that Christ died to make us all financially rich. Rather, it should be understood that God will bless a generous Christian and his gifts as instruments to support the salvation of others and the growth of His Kingdom. While God may not make us rich, He will provide well for our needs.
  - C. Your generosity will provide for the needs of the saints (vs. 12)
  - D. Your generosity will overflow into many acts of thanksgiving to God. (Vs. 12)
  - E. Others will have deep affection in their prayers for you. (vs. 14)
  
4. Remember God's indescribable \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 15)
  - A. God’s gift is salvation through the cross of Jesus.
  - B. Receiving this gift of all gifts, fuels our generosity.

South Orlando Baptist Church Vision Goal for 2016: \_\_\_\_\_

## LEVELS AND TYPES OF GIVER

1. \_\_\_\_\_-Giver (Fully Self-Centered/Selfish)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Emotionally driven, Erratic, low frequency)
3. Legalistic (Rigid, Self Righteousness)
4. Percentage (Consistent and Proportional 10% and up)
5. First \_\_\_\_\_ (Raise at Work, Selling a house, Stocks, etc.)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Encompassing (Tangible Gifts and Personal Time Talents Treasures)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Giving (Jesus Christ, Widow's Mite, Giving it All-trusting God for the rest, Unstained by the world)

## Application Questions

- 1) What images come to your mind when you hear about a "cheerful giver"?
- 2) Who is the most generous person you know? Why do you think so?
- 3) Why did Paul begin this passage with a discussion of farming? (9:6)
- 4) How should we give? Why? (9:7)
- 5) What promise does God give to believers who do give generously? (9:8)
- 6) For what reason did Paul quote Scripture here? (9:9)
- 7) What does God provide? (9:10)
- 8) What results from the generosity of Christians? (9:11)
- 9) What was the most important benefit that would arise from the collection for the Jerusalem church? (9:12-14)
- 10) What did God give the Corinthians? (9:14)
- 11) For what kind of gift did Paul praise God in his letter? (9:15)
- 12) Why does God love a cheerful giver over someone who grudgingly gives large sums of money?
- 13) What does this passage tell us about motivating people?
- 14) What does this passage tell us about accountability?
- 15) What does this passage tell us about the relationship between Christian faith and giving?
- 16) What could a reluctant giver do to become a more cheerful giver?
- 17) Why does giving in a grudging manner make any difference if the need is met?
- 18) How should you react when other Christians give generously to you or your family?
- 19) What principles of accountability should govern Christian giving?
- 20) What could you do this week to encourage a Christian friend to be a cheerful giver?
- 21) What is one way you can set an example of giving?
- 22) How can you remind yourself of God's generosity the next time you are tempted to hold back from giving cheerfully?