

Sermon Title:

"Christian Stewardship – Giving Generously"

(Part 2)

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Sermon Text:

II Corinthians 8 & 9

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Introduction:

- I. Generous Giving Is Always Rooted In The Grace Of God (8:1a)
- II. Generous Giving Is Often Motivated By The Example Of Others (8:1b-4)
- III. Generous Giving Is Inseparably Linked To The Lordship Of Christ (8:5)
- IV. Generous Giving Is An Essential Part Of Our Spiritual Development (8:7)
- V. Generous Giving Is An Irrefutable Proof Of The Genuineness Of Our Love For The Lord (8:8)

VI. Generous Giving Is Something That God _____ And

_____ (8:10)

- **Generous Giving** not only benefits the _____, but it also benefits the _____.
- What does the phrase, **“this benefits you”** mean?
- The Corinthians’ giving would not only be _____ for the church in Jerusalem, but it would also be _____ for the church in Corinth!
- **9:6** – Paul’s point is pretty obvious: **if you _____ a lot, you _____ a lot!**
- **Luke 6:38; 12:32-34; Matthew 6:19-20**

You’ll never lose anything that you _____ - **if you give it back to _____!**

VII. Generous Giving Is Never About The _____ ; It’s Always About The _____

(8:11-12)

- What does **“readiness”** mean?
- **If our _____ are right, then our _____ will be right!**
- **Generous Giving** not only _____ in the heart, but it’s also _____ when we give an amount that is proportionate to what we have!
- **I Corinthians 16:2; Mark 12:43-44**
- God measures our generosity strictly on the basis of _____ and _____, not on _____ or _____!

With God, the _____ is really never the issue, the _____ **is!**

VIII. Generous Giving Is An Integral Part Of _____ To Help Meet The _____ Of _____
(8:5)

“God gives us provisions not just to meet our needs but to help meet the needs of those who are lacking.”

- **Here’s the point:** As believers, God’s blessings in our lives were never meant to be _____!
- All of us need to view “our” _____ differently!
- *I Timothy 6:17-19*

IX. Generous Giving Is Something That Each Believer Must _____ (9:7)

- The _____ may vary, but the _____ doesn’t!_
- “Decided in his heart” actually means, “to take _____ with _____.”
- The concept of “deciding in our hearts” carries with it the idea of _____.
- “Reluctantly” literally means “out of _____ or _____ or _____.”
- What does giving “under compulsion” mean?

Generous giving is completely _____ if there is no joy!

- *Romans 12:8*

X. Generous Giving _____ That Our _____ Will Always Be _____
(9:8-11)

- Giving is one of the ways that we live by _____ on the _____ of God!
- *God doesn’t hold anything back, and for that reason, the giving Christian _____!*
- What is the meaning of the phrase, “all sufficiency for all things”?
- When we give generously to the Lord, then He makes sure we don’t have _____!
- *Philippians 4:19*

Conclusion:

**At the end of the day, giving isn’t just about money,
it’s about the _____ of your _____!**

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained
in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.