



THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

SEEKING TO EXCEL IN THE GRACE OF GIVING
2 CORINTHIANS 8:6-9

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2 Cor. 8:6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. **7** But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. **8** I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. **9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (ESV)

1. Let _____ (vv.7-8)

2. Focus _____ (v.9)

3. Choose _____ (v.6)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 8:7** and **1 Thessalonians 4:1**. What dangers arise when a Christian looks backward at past growth instead of pressing forward in further obedience? How does complacency affect long-term spiritual health?
2. Read **Romans 13:10** and **Galatians 5:22**. Why is love such a central motive for everything God calls us to be and do? How often do you consciously evaluate your actions by whether they are motivated by love?
3. Read **Acts 20:35**. What blessings come from generous giving that have nothing to do with financial return or material gain?
4. Read **Philippians 2:3-8**. How does keeping Christ's example in view help us follow verses 3–4 when sacrifice and generosity feels costly, inconvenient, or unnoticed?
5. Read **James 1:22-25**. How can talking about or agreeing with biblical generosity deceive us into thinking we are growing spiritually? What concrete steps will you take to move from agreement to obedience?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 11-05 – **Sincerely Loving God's People**
Msg. 14-02 – **Exceptional Love with Exceptional Motives**
Msg. 09-24 – **Faith, Stress & Money**
Msg. 05-02 – **Learning the Art of Biblical Compassion**
Msg. 12-39 – **The Wealth of Those Who Don't Seem to Have Much**
Msg. 08-05 – **Money Madness: Finding Peace in the Storm of Materialism**
Msg. 07-35 – **Contentment Instead of Materialism**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Jan. 18th.....Gen.42-43 & Mt.13:33-58
Jan. 19th.....Gen.44-45 & Mt.14:1-21
Jan. 20th.....Gen.46-48 & Mt.14:22-36
Jan. 21st.....Gen.49-50 & Mt.15:1-20
Jan. 22nd.....Ex.1-3 & Mt.15:21-39
Jan. 23rd.....Ex.4-6 & Mt.16
Jan. 24th.....Ex.7-8 & Mt.17
Jan. 25th.....Ex.9-10 & Mt.18:1-20

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Bunyan, John. **All Loves Excelling**. Reformation Heritage Books, 2005.
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Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth, 1969.
Morris, Leon. **Testaments of Love: A Study in Biblical Ethics**. Eerdmans, 1981.
Owen, John. **The Glory of Christ**. Banner of Truth, 1994.
Ryle, J. C. **Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties and Roots**. Charles Nolan Publishers, 2001.
Schaeffer, Francis A. **The Mark of the Christian**. InterVarsity Press, 1970.
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Watson, Thomas. **The Art of Divine Contentment**. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1998.
Whitney, Donald S. **Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life**. NavPress, 1991.