



THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

UNDERSTANDING GIVING'S BIG PICTURE
2 CORINTHIANS 8:10-15

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2 Cor. 8:10 *And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. 11 So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. 12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. 13 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness 14 your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. 15 As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."* (ESV)

1. Know _____ (vv.10-12)

2. Think _____ (vv.13-14)

3. Always _____ (v.15)

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 **1 Samuel 16:7** and **Luke 21:1-4**. Why does God's concern for proportion, rather than amount, expose the danger of comparing our giving to others or focusing on what is visible?
2. Read **Colossians 3:23-24** and **Romans 12:8**. What would it look like to focus more on pleasing the Lord than on the size of the gift itself, and how might that shift change your attitude and joy in being generous this week?
3. Read **Isaiah 58:10-11**. How does this passage challenge the idea that generosity drains us, and how have you experienced God's strengthening through giving instead?
4. Read **Matthew 6:25-32** and **Luke 12:15**. Why do anxiety and covetousness stifle the generous intentions that God produces in you? What does it say about our faith in God?
5. Read **Hebrews 13:5-6**. Why does money become more attractive as a source of security when active trust in God is no longer being reinforced through daily obedience and consistent spiritual disciplines?

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

Msg. 16-01 – **The Fear of Not Having Enough**
Msg. 11-29 – **Prayerfully Reliant**
Msg. 10-20 – **Reasons for Confidence No Matter What**
Msg. 07-10 – **Reaching Forward with the Hope of a New World**
Msg. 06-38 – **Acquiring Strength & Stamina from an Omnipotent God**
Msg. 10-17 – **Discovering the Patience of Christian Hope**
Msg. 14-27 – 14-29 – **The Omnipotent Christ** (a three-part series on trusting Christ)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Jan. 25th..... Ex.9-10 & Mt.18:1-20
Jan. 26th..... Ex.11-12 & Mt.18:21-35
Jan. 27th..... Ex.13-15 & Mt.19:1-15
Jan. 28th..... Ex.16-18 & Mt.19:16-30
Jan. 29th..... Ex.19-21 & Mt.20:1-16
Jan. 30th..... Ex.22-24 & Mt.20:17-34
Jan. 31st..... Ex.25-26 & Mt.21:1-22
Feb. 1st..... Ex.27-28 & Mt.21:23-46

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.

Bassler, Jouette M. **God and Mammon: Asking for Money in the New Testament**. Abingdon Press, 1991.
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Pink, A. W. **The Sovereignty of God**. Banner of Truth Trust, 2003.
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Rodin, R. Scott. **Stewards in the Kingdom: A Theology of Life in All Its Fullness**. InterVarsity Press, 2000.
Smith, Christian, and Hilary Davidson. **The Paradox of Generosity**. Oxford University Press, 2014.
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Willmer, Wesley K. **God and Your Stuff: The Vital Link Between Your Possessions and Your Soul**. NavPress, 2002.
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