



THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

PRACTICING PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP & WISE GIVING

2 CORINTHIANS 8:16-24

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2 Cor. 8:16 But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you. **17** For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord. **18** With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. **19** And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will. **20** We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, **21** for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. **22** And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found earnest in many matters, but who is now more earnest than ever because of his great confidence in you. **23** As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. **24** So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men. (ESV)

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. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 8:16-19**. In a world where financial misuse is common, what principles from Paul's approach can help us decide where our giving will be handled wisely?
2. Read **2 Thessalonians 3:6-12**. Why does withholding financial help sometimes feel unloving, even when Scripture says it is necessary? How can obedience in this area actually serve someone's long-term good?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 4:1-4**. Why is it important for every Christian to see themselves as a steward, even if they are not directly handling church offerings? How does verse 4 call us to thoughtful self-examination and biblical evaluation of our stewardship?
4. Read **Luke 16:10-13**. How does keeping an eternal perspective shape the way we make financial decisions, especially when it comes to generous and thoughtful giving?
5. Read **Luke 16:9**. What is one intentional step you can take this week to show that you value people over money, recognizing that our capacity for generosity looks different for each of us?

Streaming of both the audio and video of today's sermon is available on the Compass website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 17-03 – **When Your Wallet Calls the Shots**
Msg. 15-33 – **The Fear of God**
Msg. 14-05 – **The Practical Value of Integrity**
Msg. 15-30 – **Grandiosity**
Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**
Msg. 11-35 – **Keeping a Clear Conscience**
Msg. 12-15 – **A Map for Mountain Climbers**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Feb. 8thLev.4-6 & Mt.25:1-30
Feb. 9thLev.7-9 & Mt.25:31-46
Feb. 10thLev.10-12 & Mt.26:1-19
Feb. 11thLev.13 & Mt.26:20-54
Feb. 12thLev.14 & Mt.26:55-75
Feb. 13thLev.15-17 & Mt.27:1-31
Feb. 14thLev.18-19 & Mt.27:32-66
Feb. 15thLev.20-21 & Mt.28:1-20

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.

Archer, Clint. **The Preacher's Payday: How Faithfulness Echoes in Eternity**. Day One Publications, 2012.
Bassler, Jouette M. **God & Mammon: Asking for Money in the New Testament**. Abingdon Press, 1991.
Burkett, Larry. **Debt-Free Living: Eliminating Financial Stress and Finding True Peace**. Moody Publishers, 2000.
Clouse, Robert G. **Two Kingdoms: The Church and Culture Through the Ages**. Moody Press, 1993.
Cortines, John, and Gregory Baumer. **God and Money**. Rose Publishing, 2016.
Getz, Gene. **Experiencing God as Your Provider**. Outreach Publishing, 2002.
Grudem, Wayne. **Business to the Glory of God**. Crossway, 2003.
Kluth, Brian. **Experiencing God as Your Provider: Learning to Trust God for Every Need**. AuthorHouse, 2001.
MacArthur, John. **Whose Money Is It Anyway? A Biblical Guide to Using God's Wealth**. Word Publishing, 2000.
Piper, John, et al. **The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World**. Crossway, 2007.
Stowell, Joseph. **Perilous Pursuits: Our Obsession with Significance**. Moody Press, 1994.
Sutherland, Dave. **The 33 Laws of Stewardship**. Moody Publishers, 2001.
Thomas, Robert L. **Who Am I? The Christian Hunger for Self-Identity**. Christian Focus, 2002.