



THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

GIVING'S ROLE IN CHRISTIAN MATURITY
2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-5

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2 Cor. 9:1 Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, **2** for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them. **3** But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. **4** Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident. **5** So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. (ESV)

Be Mature and...

1. Give _____ (vv.1-2a)

Be Mature and...

2. Establish _____ (vv.2b-4)

Be Mature and...

3. Willingly _____ (v.5)

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 Corinthians 13:11** and **Ephesians 4:14-15**. Looking back, where have you had to unlearn immature or worldly assumptions about money? What has Christ reshaped in your thinking about generosity?
2. Read **Philippians 3:17**. When have you seen someone give generously and willingly in a way that challenged or convicted you? How did that example move you toward greater faithfulness?
3. Read **Philippians 2:4**. What fears, desires, or self-protective instincts make it hard to put others' interests ahead of your own? How can you address those obstacles biblically?
4. Read **Matthew 20:25-28**. How does the world use money and position to gain leverage over others? How does Christ use power and resources differently? How should that reshape your generosity?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 8:9** and **Titus 2:7-8**. How does remembering that you are meant to reflect Christ change the way you view your financial decisions? What would growth in visible generosity communicate about your maturity, and what effect might it have on skeptics and new Christians?

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

Msg. 25-06 – **Aiming to be a Blessing**
Msg. 16-04 – **The Fear of Responsibility**
Msg. 11-35 – **Keeping a Clear Conscience**
Msg. 18-25 – **Provision & Planning**
Msg. 14-05 – **The Practical Value of Integrity**
Msg. 13-13 – **Managing Your Ambitions**
Msg. 07-09 – **Living Life with the Hope of a New Purpose**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Feb. 15th Lev.20-21 & Mt.28:1-20
Feb. 16th Lev.22-23 & Mk.1:1-22
Feb. 17th Lev.24-25 & Mk.1:23-45
Feb. 18th Lev.26-27 & Mk.2
Feb. 19th Num.1-2 & Mk.3:1-21
Feb. 20th Num.3-4 & Mk.3:22-35
Feb. 21st Num.5-6 & Mk.4:1-20
Feb. 22nd Num.7 & Mk.4:21-41

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.

Alcorn, Randy. **Managing God's Money**. Tyndale House, 2011.
Bonar, Horatius. **Words to Winners of Souls**. Banner of Truth, 1966.
Carson, D. A. **A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities from Paul and His Prayers**. Baker Books, 1992.
Dayton, Howard. **Your Money Counts**. Crown Financial Ministries, 2004.
DeYoung, Kevin. **The Hole in Our Holiness**. Crossway, 2012.
Ferguson, Sinclair B. **Maturity: Growing Up and Going On in the Christian Life**. Banner of Truth, 1982.
Hughes, R. Kent. **Disciplines of a Godly Man**. Crossway, 2001.
MacArthur, John. **The Pillars of Christian Character**. Crossway, 1998.
Ryle, J. C. **Practical Religion**. Banner of Truth, 1959.
Sanders, J. Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1967.
Schreiner, Thomas R. **Run to Win the Prize: Perseverance in the New Testament**. Crossway, 2010.
Swindoll, Charles R. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Thomas Nelson, 2002.
Watson, Thomas. **The Godly Man's Picture**. Banner of Truth, 1992.