



THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

THE FATHER'S JOY IN CHEERFUL GIVERS
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

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2 Cor. 9:6 *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*
7 *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*
8 *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*
9 *As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*
10 *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*
11 *You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. (ESV)*

1. Know _____ (v.7b)

2. Know _____ (vv.8-11)

3. Know _____ (vv.6-7)

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 **Philippians 4:18** and **1 Thessalonians 4:1**. Paul speaks of "pleasing God" and "more and more." How does the thought of God's fatherly pleasure in your spiritual progress both encourage and propel you forward?
2. Read **Titus 3:8** and **Matthew 10:42**. How does it affect your willingness to give when you remember that God carefully notices and eternally values even the smallest acts done in his name?
3. Read **Psalms 112**. What promises in this psalm strengthen your resolve to fear the Lord and give freely, and how can you align your life more closely with the pattern of righteousness described here?
4. Read **Hebrews 13:5**. Why is contentment essential for generosity, and what happens to cheerful giving when your satisfaction shifts from God to your income and your possessions?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 9:7** and **1 Chronicles 29:17**. What practical steps can you take to prepare your heart before you give, and how can you intentionally adjust your attitude so your generosity is willing and joyful?

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

Msg. 24-06 – **The Path of Sanctification**
Msg. 13-12 – **Curbing Your Appetites**
Msg. 23-33 – **Soul Warfare**
Msg. 23-35 – **Living in a World that Makes You Mad**
Msg. 12-18 – **Guilt & Forgiveness**
Msg. 13-30 – **Apostasy & Stumbling Saints**
Msg. 13-11 – **Our Enticements & Christ's Sinlessness**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Feb. 22nd Num.7 & Mk.4:21-41
Feb. 23rd Num.8-10 & Mk.5:1-20
Feb. 24th Num.11-13 & Mk.5:21-43
Feb. 25th Num.14-15 & Mk.6:1-32
Feb. 26th Num.16-17 & Mk.6:33-56
Feb. 27th Num.18-20 & Mk.7:1-3
Feb. 28th Num.21-23 & Mk.7:14-8:10
March 1st Num.24-27 & Mk.8:11-38

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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