



# THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

WHEN GIVING UNITES GOD'S PEOPLE  
2 CORINTHIANS 9:12-15

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**2 Cor. 9:12** For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. **13** By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, **14** while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. **15** Thanks be to God for his *inexpressible gift!*  
(ESV)

1. Realize \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.12a, 13b)

2. Realize \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.12b-13a)

3. Realize \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.14-15)

# 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 **Romans 12:13**. How does being surrounded by generous, hospitable Christians affect your own obedience? What happens when you are surrounded by believers who are not?
2. Read **Psalms 50:14**. What would it look like to actively involve both your mind and your affections when you give, rather than simply completing a transaction? How can you make it less mechanical and more driven by gratitude?
3. Read **John 13:34-35; 15:8**. In what ways have you personally sensed the affirmation that your generous giving—whether directed toward God or toward other Christians—was evidence of a truly redeemed heart?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 9:12-15**. How might a church where nearly everyone gives faithfully and joyfully open doors for evangelistic conversations in a skeptical culture?
5. Read **Ephesians 5:1-2**. How can the example of God's ultimate generosity in Christ sustain and shape your generosity long after this series ends? What practical steps will help you keep that motivation in view?

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

Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**  
Msg. 19-36 – **The Unrivaled Fellowship of His Church**  
Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional About Biblical Fellowship**  
Msg. 09-11 – **Real Love: Its Biblical Dimensions**  
Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**  
Msg. 11-29 – **Prayerfully Reliant & Highly Committed Participants**  
Msg. 11-09 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**

## **Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

March 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Num.24-27 & Mk.8:11-38  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Num.28-29 & Mk.9:1-29  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Num.30-31 & Mk.9:30-50  
March 4<sup>th</sup> ..... Num.32-33 & Mk.10:1-31  
March 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Num.34-36 & Mk.10:32-52  
March 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Deut.1-2 & Mk.11:1-19  
March 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Deut.3-4 & Mk.11:20-33  
March 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Deut.5-7 & Mk.12:1-27

*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.*

Bellah, Robert N. **Habits of the Heart**. University of California Press, 1996.  
Carmichael, Liz. **Friendship: Interpreting Christian Love**. T&T Clark, 2004.  
Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth, 1969.  
Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.  
Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church**. Zondervan, 2001.  
Getz, Gene A. **Real Prosperity: Biblical Principles of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1990.  
Gorman, Julie A. **Community That Is Christian**. Victor Books, 1993.  
Henry, Matthew. **The Pleasantness of a Religious Life: A Puritan's View of the Good Life**. Christian Focus, 1998.  
Putnam, Robert D. **Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community**. Touchstone, 2001.  
Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints**. P&R Publishing, 2001.  
Swindoll, Charles R. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Word, 2002.  
Whitney, Donald S. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church**. Moody Press, 1996.  
Wilkins, Steve. **Face to Face: Meditations on Friendship and Hospitality**. Canon Press, 2002.