

II Corinthians 9:6-15

Living Generously – Or God Loves a Cheerful Giver!

Welcome back and here we go. Tonight we are talking about being generous.

Who in here thinks they are generous? I hope everyone. Tonight I want to challenge and hold truth to what it means to **live generously**.

II Corinthians 9:6-15 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. ⁹ As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰ Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ¹¹ while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. ¹² For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³ while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, ¹⁴ and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

1) God gives us _____.

If you want to become generous, you must first be gracious! This is what we call around here: the #1 Character Trait of a believer ---- the ability to have grace.... But how Tom? Good question.

2) You must be generous with _____.

The most visible absolute truth is the laying down of your life. When I have conflicting views in my soul, I say out loud, “Lay down your life Tom”.

3) Generous with _____.

Do you know how much it means to others when you are generous with patience?

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4) God loves a cheerful _____.

Giver of what? GRACE..... He has given it to us in abundance. **Verse 8** says that we would ***always have all sufficiency***. That is a promise ----- for all good works.

5) Grace applied is _____.

Are you generous with forgiveness? Because, if you are not, you are your own worst enemy. He who ***sows sparingly will also.....***

But **II Corinthians 9:9-15.....**

6) Be generous with _____.

Listen to these promises. I get excited when I hear the Word of Truth. God promises to supply you with seed. He has. The Word... ***I will multiply your work.*** Is it easy? This hope?

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Not always easy.

Hope brings peace. Peace in our life. Peace in others. If you feel hopeless it is not because God does not love you. Hopelessness is a choice to not believe God. We all will experience a series of hardships.

7) Be generous with _____!

May God pour out of you. I got a river of life..... = Pastor Jamison =

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

8) Be generous with _____.

If you hang out around here, you know I mean that impersonal love. What does that look like?
I fully accept the character of the one loved.

Live generously. You are rich.

To truly love is to have a lack of mental attitude sins towards others. All the little, critical, unloving, unaccepting thoughts ----- must be pushed out! To **live generously** you must accept that you may not get your way.

II Corinthians 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Hopefully you can truly understand this. God's grace is poured out on you. Now you can pour out grace upon others. Be generous with GRACE, TIME, PATIENCE, FORGIVENESS, HOPE, JOY AND LOVE.

God loves a cheerful giver.