

THE GENEROSITY PARADOX

Lesson Two • 2Corinthians 9:6-11

It Pays to Give

What Is the Generosity Paradox?

By GIVING we receive; by GRASPING we lose.

But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also. 2Corinthians 8:7 NKJV

And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you... 2Corinthians 8:10a ESV

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1. The Principle: We Reap in MEASURE as We Sow!

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2Corinthians 9:6 NKJV

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7-8 NIV

2. The Practice: We Reap as We Sow with the Right HEART!

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2Corinthians 9:7 NKJV

The Practice of Generosity

- Give INTENTIONALLY.

- Give WILLINGLY.

- Give JOYFULLY.

3. The Promise: We Reap Even WHILE We Are Sowing!

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, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 2Corinthians 9:10-11 NKJV

Three Words That Can Transform Your Life!

“GOD IS ABLE”

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. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness remains forever.” 2Corinthians 9:8-9 NKJV

The Bottom Line of the Generosity Paradox

Are you willing to TRUST God enough to give generously in 2017?

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2Corinthians 9:15 NKJV

I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 2Corinthians 8:8-9 NKJV

Three Ways to Give

- 1) **IN PERSON:** Each Sunday you have the opportunity to give in the offering during Discovery Hour or the Worship Service. We encourage you to use your giving envelopes or the giving envelopes in the card holders on the back of the pews.
- 2) **ONLINE:** The benefit of giving online allows anyone from anywhere to make a financial contribution to our church through a bank account or credit card in the form of a onetime gift or recurring gift. You control how much and how often you give. You also have the ability to change it at any time. If you do not give online but are ready to move to a more consistent option for giving, this option may be right for you. Check it out at GlenwoodConnection.org.
- 3) **BY MAIL:** When you are unable to attend church, you may always mail your contribution to the church office (3710 N Holmes St, Kansas City, MO 64116).