

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Lessons from 2 Corinthians

2 Cor. 8-9

Generosity

- 1. Generosity is due to God's work in us. (8:1)**
 - Generosity starts with giving ourselves to the Lord. (8:5)
 - Generosity is a part of our Christian walk. It is an area in which we should grow and mature. (8:7)
- 2. We should give to Christian brothers and sisters involved in Kingdom work. (8:4)**
- 3. Even in difficult times, we should have our hearts on the needs of others and give to meet their needs. (8:2)**
- 4. We should give: (8:2-3)**
 - even though we have little
 - with joy
 - liberally
- 5. A generous heart desires to invest in others and to meet the needs of others. (8:4)**
- 6. Our model for generosity is Jesus. (8:9; Phill. 2:5-8)**
 - He gave to address our need.
 - He became poor so we might become rich.
 - He gave when no one else could meet our need but He had the ability to meet the need.
 - He gave even though there was great sacrifice required.
- 7. When God allows us to participate in giving to others, we need to finish what we started. (8:10-12)**
- 8. Our giving is based on what the Lord has given to us. God looks at our sacrifice not the amount of our gift. (8:11-12)**

9. We give from our abundance to meet needs. God works so that our needs are met through the abundance of others. (8:13-15; Prov. 11:24-25)

- God gives us what we have for a reason. We are to give to needs and not just accumulate.

- We must be sensitive to the needs around us.

10. Generosity is an act of love. (8:24)

11. The principle of sowing and reaping applies to our giving. (9:6)

12. Our giving is not be “forced” or manipulated but from our heart. We should give with joy. (9:7)

13. We give from a heart trusting God for our needs and praising Him for His provision. (9:8-11)

14. God gives to us when He sees we can be trusted as stewards of His resources. (9:8-11)

15. We must see giving as an act of worship bringing Him praise and thanksgiving. (9:12-14)

16. Our giving is a testimony of God’s work in us. (9:13-14)

17. Giving is done while we remember THE gift, Jesus, given for us. (9:15; Rom 8:32)