

1. Giving meets needs horizontally and sends thanks vertically.

2 Corinthians 9:12

Obedience is seldom exciting in the moment, but leads to a growing joy because you know that you're pleasing the One that you want to please most.

James 1:16-17



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2. Generosity reveals the <u>reality</u> of the Gospel.

2 Corinthians 9:13-14, James 2:15-17, 1 John 3:16-18, Galatians 6:9-10

When we consistently, cheerfully give to meet the needs of those both <u>inside</u> and <u>outside</u> of the church, we communicate to a lost and confused world what God is like, that He is generous towards us all.





3. <u>Jesus</u> is God's most generous gift of all.

2 Corinthians 9:15, Titus 3:4-6

A giving God gave His giving Son so that you could, in turn, be a cheerful giver, simply demonstrating "<u>whose you are</u>".





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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Of the 9 ministries HDC is raising financial support for through the end of the year, which do you gravitate towards the most? Why?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:12-15

2. Looking at verse 12, what outcome does generosity produce?

3. How does generosity encourage people to glorify God?

4. When does giving not glorify God?

5. What indescribable gift does Paul refer to in verse 15? How does this motivate you?

6. What are creative ways you can be generous to others?

7. As you go on about your week, wrestle through the principles of giving in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. Pray about these principles we have discussed over the last few weeks. Ask God where you need to obey. Does your perspective toward money need to change? Does your giving plan need to be adjusted? Do you need to get on a budget with your personal finances?



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