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Generous Giving 2 Corinthians 9

God's Priority of Generous Giving - a ministry to the saints 2 Corinthians 9:1

"For it is superfluous for me to write to you about this ministry to the saints"

- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 - Our priority for giving
- What "ministry to the saints" are you giving to?

God's Practice of Generous Giving 2 Corinthians 9:2-5

"...so that, as I was saying, you may be prepared; So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised bountiful gift, so that the same would be ready as a bountiful gift and not affected by covetousness. ...Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"

- 1 Corinthians 16:2; Acts 2:43-47
- Giving should be arranged beforehand. *"know your readiness"* (v. 2,5)
 - "Readiness" – *prothumia* – pro = forward, thumos = mind, disposition. "forward thinking"
- Giving should be based on a previously promised bountiful gift. (v. 5)
 - "bountiful" *eulogia*; speak good words, praise
- Giving by each believer should be with the right attitude
 - "not covetousness" – *pleonexia* – *pleonasm* = more, echo = to have; "wanting more"
 - "not grudgingly or under compulsion." (v.7) grudgingly = to grieve, have sorrow.
- Giving this way makes you a "cheerful" (*hilaros*) giver God loves. (v.7)
 - What are you doing to be prepared and ready to give regularly to God's ministry?
 - What can cause you to not be ready? How does indebtedness make you less ready? What debt can you eliminate or avoid to be ready to give?

God's Provision for Generous Giving 2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed."

- 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 • 1 Timothy 6:6-9 • Philippians 4:11-13
- In what ways has the Lord provided for you in the past?
- How does that encourage you for the future?

God's Purpose of Generous Giving- an investment in the eternal work of Jesus Christ 2 Corinthians 9:9-15

"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God."

- James 2:14-26 • 1 John 3:16-19 • Matthew 6:21
- How has your investment in ministry increased a "harvest of righteousness" where people are being saved and disciplined for Jesus Christ?
- Offer God thanksgiving for the way He has provided for you and for the investment in His ministry to other people.

Digging Deeper

2 Corinthians 9

1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. *"Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."*

2 Read the Text: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 & Proverbs 11:25

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, what comes to mind when I think of giving? What happens in my heart? Is there fear? Joy? Excitement? Resistance? Cheerfulness? And, God, what do you want to say to me about that?"
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, how are you calling me to give? What would it look like to do this out of obedience and with You?"
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: ["Have It All"](#) by Brian Johnson & Bethel Music

5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

"May you know that God who takes care of you will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." [Philippians 4:19](#)

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “**Card**” to **970-00**

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together this fall with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group by filling out the Leader Interest Form at calvarylife.org/groups

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at CalvaryLife.org

RESOURCES

Connect Online Midweek: Engage with life at Calvary each day of the week through livestream and on-demand content, plus social media posts by following us on Facebook and Instagram [@calvarylife](https://www.instagram.com/calvarylife)

Family Activities: Find ways to help your kids grow through fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at calvarylife.org/town

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at calvarylife.org/help

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You are here moving in our midst, I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place, I worship You I worship You

Chorus: (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching ev'ry heart, I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart, I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around, I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart, I worship You I worship You Lord

That is who You are, That is who You are, That is who You are, That is who You are

Bridge: Even when I don't see it You're working, Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working, You never stop You never stop working

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Peace bring it all to peace, The storms surrounding me, Let it break at Your name
Still call the sea to still, The rage in me to still, Every wave at Your name

Chorus: Jesus Jesus You make the darkness tremble, Jesus Jesus You silence fear
Jesus Jesus You make the darkness tremble, Jesus Jesus

Breathe call these bones to live, Call these lungs to sing, Once again I will praise

Bridge: Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny, Your name cannot be overcome
Your name is alive forever lifted high, Your name cannot be overcome

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All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give, I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live

Chorus: I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me Jesus take me now

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me Savior wholly Thine, Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee, Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me

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A thousand times I've failed, Still Your mercy remains, And should I stumble again
Still I'm caught in Your grace, Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else, My purpose remains, The art of losing myself, In bringing You praise, Everlasting,
Your light will shine when all else fades, Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame

Chorus 1: In my heart in my soul, Lord I give You control, Consume me from the inside out Lord,
Let justice and praise, Become my embrace, To love You from the inside out

Chorus 2: Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades, Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart, Is to bring You praise, From the inside out, Lord my soul cries out