

GENEROUS

2 CORINTHIANS 8-9

Week 2

In light of the current state of the economy, which is affecting many members of our congregation as well as many of our neighbors, it is appropriate to look at what it means to live generous lives in light of the gospel as a witness to a generous God.

Principals of Generosity (continued)

7. Generosity benefits from friendly competition (9:1-5)

Why did Paul tell Corinth about the generosity of the Macedonians?
Who has been an example of generosity to you?
How do respond to hearing about another person being generous?
Does that encourage you or harden you? Explain why.

8. Generosity is about sowing and reaping (9:6-12)

What does it mean to be a cheerful giver?
Why are you reluctant at times to be generous?
Have you ever given out of compulsion? What was the result?
What is the fruit of a giving generously and cheerfully?
What does it mean to reap righteousness rather than material fruit?
What is the righteous harvest that you hope for when giving?
When have you seen righteousness reaped for generosity?

9. Generosity is an evidence that someone is a Christian (9:13-14)

How does generosity reflect the state of one's soul?
How has your relationship with Jesus changed your view of money?
How does your view of money expose what your worship?

10. Generosity promotes the worship of Jesus as God

How does our generosity as a church promote the worship of Jesus?
How does your personal generosity promote the worship of Jesus?
What would you give, (time, talent, and treasure) to see someone saved?
How is God challenging the way you look at money?
How will you worship Jesus through generosity?