

Resolved To Be Generous

Proclamation Life Groups; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Week of Sunday, February 4, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme – As a result of God’s grace and Christ’s sacrificial payment for our sins on the cross, which secured the generous gift of our salvation, we are called to excel in generosity to the church and to the advancement of the gospel.

I. Examples of Being Generous – Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

- A. In what ways are the Macedonians excellent examples of generosity (vv.1-5)?
What are some of the principles for giving that we learn from the Macedonians?

- B. In verse 4, it says that the Macedonians were begging to take part in the relief of the saints?
What are all the different ways that we can be in partnership for the sake of the gospel?

- C. How is the list given in verse 7 helpful as you think of your need to grow in generosity?

- D. In what ways is verse 9 is the most significant verse of this entire section?

II. Principles for Generous Giving – Read 2 Corinthians 8:10–9:9

- A. How are verses 13-15 helpful as you think through giving in order to help someone in need?

- B. After reading 2 Cor. 8:16-24, what are all the different levels of care that Paul puts in place to make sure that the special offering for the church in Jerusalem is managed honorably?

- C. Do you have any experiences of money being handled inappropriately in a church?
As you think about it, what impact would a negative scenario have on a congregation?

- D. What principles for giving do you learn from 2 Corinthians 9:6-7? Would you consider yourself a cheerful giver? According to these verses, how can you grow in giving joyfully?

III. Results of Generous Giving – Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

- A. After reading 2 Corinthians 9:10-15, list all the positive results from generous giving?

- B. What are all the different ways that God is glorified when believers help others in need?

- C. After studying 2 Corinthians 8-9, how would you personally like to grow in generosity?
What are some practical things that you can do to cultivate generous giving in your life?