

A Disciple's Generosity
II Corinthians 9:1-15

I. Generosity provides an opportunity for ministry II Corinthians 9:1-5.

A. Generosity is a ministry (1,2)

1 Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; 2 for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.

B. Generosity takes commitment (3,4)

3 Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; 4 lest if *some* Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting.

C. Generosity is an act of love . (5)

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which *you had* previously promised, that it may be ready as *a matter of generosity* and not as a grudging obligation.

II. Generosity is a display of joyous faith II Corinthians 9:6-11

A. Generosity is a faith step (6)

6 But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

B. Generosity is a heart issue (7)

7 *So let each one give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

C. Generosity will be rewarded (8-11)

8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. 9 As it is written: "*He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.*" 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

III. Generosity will benefit everyone II Corinthians 9:12-15

A. Generosity provides care for the needs of the saints (12a)

12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints,

B. Generosity causes a great worship to God (12b)

but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

C. Generosity is evidence of a transformational gospel (13)

13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men*,

Conclusion

1. God opens up doors for us to be generous. What can you do this week to show your generosity?
2. Cheerful givers take faith steps. What area in your giving do you need to trust God in?
3. Generosity benefits everyone. How can you use your generosity to share the gospel?