



**March 16, 2025**

**Because I love my church, I give generously!**

**2 Corinthians 9:7, 10-15 (NIV)** 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Giving is never about the \_\_\_\_\_ – it's always about the \_\_\_\_\_.

God has blessed us SO THAT we can be \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)** You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

God \_\_\_\_\_ us to be generous.

**1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NIV)** 17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

## How Do Generous People Give?

1. Generous people give \_\_\_\_\_.

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**2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Generosity isn't \_\_\_\_\_—Generosity is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Start with the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 14:23 (NIV)** Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always.

- Tithing \_\_\_\_\_ your life around God, not money.



- Tithing increases our \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Generous people give \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Mark 12:43-44 (NIV)** 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

### Challenge: How Will You Give?

- \_\_\_\_\_ and ask God how He wants you to give.
- Strategically \_\_\_\_\_ your generosity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God with your finances.

**Acts 20:35 (NIV)** “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

**Romans 5:8 (NIV)** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## upcoming events

**March 16:** Welcome Party-Tacos with the Team 5-7pm

**March 16:** Food Pantry Drive-Stop & Shop Ronkonkoma

**March 17:** Matthew Connect Crew 7:00 PM

**March 19:** Men's & Ladies' Crew 7:00 PM

**March 20:** Baptism Class Online Zoom 7:00 PM

**March 23:** Serve Day

**March 23:** Food Pantry Drive-Port Jeff Meat Farms

## weekly updates

**Attendance 3/9**

**9:30 & 11:30AM:** 495

**Spanish Service, 2:30PM:** 50

**Offering:** \$9,456.81

**Weekly budget:** \$5,895.00

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