

POWER.FULLY.WEAK.

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2Cor 9:6 - 15

"Gospel Generosity #2:
Time, Talent & Treasure"

*⁸ And God is able to make all grace
abound to you, so that having all
sufficiency in all things at all times,
you may abound in every good work.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

*“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”*



¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

**Improper reasons we DO
talk about giving**

**Improper reasons we DO NOT
talk about giving**



- What Generosity Is
- What Inhibits Generosity
- What Produces Generosity
- What Generosity Produces



What Generosity Is

For God so
loved the
world,

THAT

he gave his
only Son,

that whoever
believes in him
should not
perish but have
eternal life.



¹¹ You will be enriched in every way
to be generous in every way,
which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.



“The righteous are willing to disadvantage themselves
to advantage the community;
the wicked are willing to disadvantage the community
to advantage themselves.”

Bruce Waltke



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not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.



Mark 12:41-44

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



What Inhibits Generosity

Deuteronomy 8:11-18

“Take care...¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you **forget** the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’

“It’s Mine”

“It’s Not Enough”

What Inhibits Generosity

Revelation 3:17

For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

“It Satisfies”

What Produces Generosity

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Deuteronomy 8:18

You shall **remember** the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Faith

Stewardship



What Generosity Produces

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“Blessed”

Freedom

Thanksgiving

Proverbs 11:24

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.

My Generosity

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ ***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.***

Giving to Grace

1 Timothy 5:17–18

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.”



Time

My time is a
gospel tool.

How does God want
me to steward my
time to ***“enjoy and
express the freeing
love of Jesus”***

Talent

My abilities are
gospel tools.

How does God want
me to steward my
abilities to ***“enjoy
and express the
freeing love of Jesus”***

Treasure

My possessions are
gospel tools.

How does God want
me to steward my
resources to ***“enjoy
and express the
freeing love of Jesus”***

