**[ELEVATE: Elevate Your Generosity 00:00](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2QRV1zW19I)**
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[**Memory Verse 01:15**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2QRV1zW19I&t=75s)

“…And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, *‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’*”
— **Acts 20:35 NKJV**

[**Generosity is something that God wants us to be good at 02:30**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2QRV1zW19I&t=150s)

Paul urged the Corinthian church to grow in the **grace of giving**:

“…see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” — 2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV

**Discussion Question:**

* In what areas of life do you feel you “excel” (faith, speech, knowledge, love)? Where might generosity fit into that list for you personally?

[**The Example of the Macedonians 16:07**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2QRV1zW19I&t=967s)

**Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1–5**

In deep poverty and trials, their joy overflowed into **rich generosity**.

**1. God’s Grace Inspired Their Generosity**

* Their giving was a direct response to God’s grace, not just financial ability.
* Giving points people back to God (2 Cor. 9:12–13).

**Discussion Questions:**

* How has God’s grace in your life motivated you to give?
* What difference does it make when generosity is rooted in grace rather than guilt?

[**2. In their Great Trial they Gave with Joy and Generosity 24:33**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2QRV1zW19I&t=1473s)

* They didn’t wait for “better circumstances” to give.
* Like the poor widow (Mark 12:42–44), they gave even in hardship.

**Discussion Questions:**

* Why do you think joy and generosity can coexist even during trials?
* Have you ever seen someone give in a way that challenged or inspired you?

[**3. They Gave Beyond Their Ability and Did So Willingly 28:30**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2QRV1zW19I&t=1710s)

* They gave more than seemed possible, but not under pressure.
* It was a voluntary act of faith.

**Discussion Questions:**

* What does “beyond their ability” look like in modern terms?
* Where’s the line between faith-filled giving and irresponsible giving?

[**4. They Saw Giving as a Privilege 35:12**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2QRV1zW19I&t=2112s)

* They *pleaded* for the chance to give (2 Cor. 8:4).
* Giving was not a burden, but a joy.

**Discussion Questions:**

* Do you see giving as a privilege or as a duty? Why?
* How might we shift our perspective to see generosity as participation in God’s work?

**5. They First Gave Themselves to the Lord**

* Their money followed their hearts of surrender.
* True generosity flows from devotion to God.

**Discussion Questions:**

* Why is surrendering ourselves to God essential before we can be generous with others?
* What does “giving yourself to the Lord” look like in everyday life?

**Paul’s Summary on Giving**

2 Corinthians 9:7–8 – Give **purposely, willingly, cheerfully, expectantly**.

**Facilitator Tip:** Write these four words on a board or paper. Let the group expand them with real-life examples.

**Discussion Questions:**

* Which of these four comes easiest to you? Which is the hardest?
* How might practicing generosity in one of these ways grow your faith?

**Jesus’ Teaching on Treasure**

Matthew 6:19–21 – “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**Discussion Questions:**

* What does your giving say about where your heart is?
* How do you balance earthly responsibilities with storing up heavenly treasure?

**Prayer:**

* Thank God for His grace.
* Ask for joy in giving, even in difficult times.
* Pray for hearts surrendered first to the Lord.