

RHYTHMS

Crossroads Sermon Study

Rhythms: Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

May 25, 2025

Lean In: If generosity is so joyful and good, why do you think it's still so difficult for most of us?

Look In: Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-15** aloud together.

Look Back: What stood out to you most about this week's teaching?

Take it Deeper:

1. Think about your past week. What caused you stress? Did it revolve around time and and/or money? Have you ever considered the emotional power money holds in your life?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. What do these verses tell us about the *heart posture* behind generosity? How do reluctance and compulsion show up in your own giving?
3. Paul says that "God loves a cheerful giver." Why do you think cheerfulness matters to God in giving? Can you think of a time when you gave and felt joyful doing it?
4. Read verse 8. What does this verse teach us about God's ability to provide? How does trusting God's provision free us to live generously?
5. "Fear fuels greed because our solution to loss is more." Fear and greed are two major barriers to generosity. Which one do you find yourself battling more often—and why?
6. True generosity doesn't just meet a need—it restores dignity. How can our giving communicate honor and value to others?
7. What is one intentional way you can take a step toward generosity this week—with your time, talent, treasure, or attention?

Look Up: *Jesus, you have taught us that it is better to give than to receive, and yet I so often hold tightly to my time and my possessions. Help me to release my grip and trust you. I want to be a cheerful giver! I want to give because your love compels me. Thank you for your indescribable gift!*