

GENEROUS

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Three truths about generosity . . .

I. GENEROUS PEOPLE _____ THEIR GIVING.

A. Generous people are _____.

2 Corinthians 9:1-2 — There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the saints. For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.

Proverbs 25:14; Matthew 6:24

B. Generous people actually _____!

2 Corinthians 9:3-5 — But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we — not to say anything about you — would be ashamed of having been so confident. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

HOW to give: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

II. GENEROUS PEOPLE GET _____.

A. Generous people are _____.

2 Corinthians 9:6 — Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Acts 20:35 (quoting Jesus) — It is more blessed to give than to receive.

B. Generous people are _____ and make God smile.

2 Corinthians 9:7 — Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

C. Generous people have their _____ met.

2 Corinthians 9:8-9 — And God is able to make **all** grace abound to you, so that in **all** things at all times, having **all** that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

D. Generous people are given more to _____.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11a — 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. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.

III. GENEROUS PEOPLE BRING _____ TO GOD.

A. Generosity results in people _____ God.

2 Corinthians 9:11b-13 — . . . and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men 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.

B. Generosity results in people _____ God.

2 Corinthians 9:14 — And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

C. Generosity results in people getting _____!

2 Corinthians 9:15 — Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Luke 16:9 — I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

Romans 6:23 — For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.