

## Overflowing Generosity

## 2Corinthians 9:1-15

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It can be awkward to talk to someone about giving to the Lord's work. It is easier not to. Chapters 8-9 of 2Corinthians are an awkward, yet helpful and loving reprimand to followers of Jesus who knew what they should do, wanted to do it and yet for more than a year had not done it. The awkwardness is amplified because of the topic, generous giving. Generous, grace driven giving, much like prayer, Bible reading and witnessing, for most of us easily falls into the category of things we know we should do better, we want to better, but just have not been able to gain traction to actually grow and change.

Grace prompters to help us excel, stand out as generous givers:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ good models of grace driven generosity. 8:1-5; 9:1-5
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your thinking about Jesus. 8:1, 9, 23 9:13
3. Be somewhat \_\_\_\_\_ by your willingness. 9:2, 3, 5 8:10-12
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the challenge of growing and changing. 9:1-5 8:7, 11
5. Be \_\_\_\_\_ generous. 9:6-15

### Finding what generosity looks like for you . . .

- Decide in your \_\_\_\_\_ 6-7
- Remember that God \_\_\_\_\_ your needs. 8-10
- Consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of your generosity. 11-15

Giving/generosity is the only antidote to materialism and the deceitfulness of riches.  
Giving is a joyful surrender to a greater person and a greater agenda. It dethrones me and exalts Christ.  
(adapted from *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn)