

Overflowing Generosity

2Corinthians 8:1-15

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What is generosity? Terms like bighearted, liberal, openhanded and kind come to mind. On the other hand, the concepts of greed, miserliness, self-indulgence and materialism describe the ungenerous. Generosity is overflowing kindness. It is tangible evidence of God's grace received and understood. God wants us to excel in generous giving.

A model of generosity. 8:1-7

Some biblical examples of generosity . . .

The Macedonian model of generosity:

- Generosity overflowed from _____ . 2
- Generosity is _____ . 3-4
- Generosity began with _____ to God and others. 5

The motive for generosity. 8:8-9

- Christ, who was rich, became _____ for your sake.
- You, who were poor, became _____ by Christ's poverty.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

A method for generosity. 8:10-15

- Guard your _____, it is primary. 10-11
- Know your _____, it is your standard. 11-12
- Grow your _____, he is your hope. 13-15

Take Aways . . . See that you excel in this act of grace also.

1. Adopt some new models or examples of generous givers.
2. Determine to know Jesus and his kindness toward you.
3. Be aware of the love of money in your life, rebel against it with Christ focused generosity.

For God loves a cheerful giver!

It is more blessed to give than to receive!