

**Sermon Discussion Questions: Giving (2 Corinthians 8:1-15)**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. It is easy for us to believe that our money which we earned should be used only for *our* wellbeing, according to *our* desires, to fulfill *our* plans for *our* progress. Why does this perspective develop and how does this self-focused pride hinder generosity? Is there anything else that hinders us from giving?
3. Paul talks about generosity as the “grace of God that has been given” to us (2 Corinthians 8:1). Read 1 Chronicles 29:11-18. According to David’s prayer after people gave for the building of the temple, in what way are our resources a gift of God’s grace? How does seeing our resources as a gift of God’s grace open our hearts and hands to use money for God’s purposes and other’s wellbeing?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:8-9 How does understanding the Gospel that Christ became poor that we might become rich in Him, motivate us with sincere love to become cheerful givers and not legalistic and reluctant givers? How does Christ’s sacrifice help us discern how much to give?
5. Go to your bank website, check your personal records, or consider your regular spending. What do you spend most of your monthly resources on? Is there anything in your budget where you could reduce your spending so that you can be more generous to the needs in the church, the community, and the world? Are there any changes of lifestyle the Lord is calling you to make?

Prayerfully read through the Timothy verses this week that actually address our use of money toward God’s mission

- **Adoration:** Read and adore God for His great character and kingdom clarified in the verse.
- **Meditation:** Read and consider key phrases, prepositions, people, plots, connections, and redemptive themes.
- **Confession:** Read and confess ways you don’t reflect God’s character and kingdom in the verse.
- **Thanksgiving:** Read and give thanks for God’s grace, forgiveness, and help in or around the verse.
- **Supplication:** Read and seek God’s guidance in applying the text. Write down application.

**11/04** 1 Timothy 6:2b-5

**11/05** 1 Timothy 6:6-10

**11/06** 1 Timothy 6:11-16

**11/07** 1 Timothy 6:17-21

**11/08** 2 Timothy 1:1-7