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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 02.22.26 Pulpit Curriculum

The Generous Church

Main passage: 2 Corinthians 8-9

Christians, as recipients of God's grace,
should joyfully seek to be generous to others.

1) Christian Giving is Generous

- Not all giving is done with the right heart. Paul commends the churches in Macedonia for extending grace to the poorest communities through their wealth, giving joyfully and in abundance. We should look for opportunities to give above and beyond, especially when it comes to the gospel going forth to the ends of the earth.

A. When you budget your monthly finances, do you strive to keep giving for the furtherance of the gospel at the forefront of your mind? How often do you pray when budgeting your finances? _____

B. What area of your spending could be hindering you from giving beyond your means? _____

2) Christian Giving isn't Circumstantial

- The Macedonians' giving was sacrificial because they were also struggling financially, yet they still continued to put others first. They did not compare their situation with others or wait for others who had a surplus to "carry the load." We must not allow our current financial situation to dictate the level of our generosity.

C. We must be wise and purposeful in the stewardship of our finances. What area of your spending could you perhaps shift to giving instead of personal pleasure? _____

3) Christian Giving is Fueled by Thanksgiving

[Phil. 2:6-8]

- We do not give to earn favor from God. Our giving should be rooted in the truth of the gospel: God's love and forgiveness have been lavished upon us; we are adopted as sons and daughters to the King. This gift is worth more than anything this world could offer us.



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D. Keeping our eyes fixed upon worldly possessions will only breed discontentment and a selfish desire for more, yet God calls us to fix our eyes upon Him and the great sacrifice of the cross, which will fill our hearts with gratitude for our salvation. What worldly possessions have captured your eyes and heart recently?

E. Name three things that the Lord has given you recently that money cannot buy

4) Christian Giving is Generous with People

- It is a good and wise thing to raise up leaders within our churches to then be sent out either to serve at other churches, plant other churches, or to the mission field. This is how the Lord expands the Kingdom.

F. Pray for the young people at The Grove who God may be setting apart for the work of the ministry, whether pastorally or as a missionary. _____

5) Christian Giving (both individually and corporately) is Directed Outward

- True generosity is not inward-facing; it is always looking at the interests and needs of others more than our own.

G. What practical changes do you need to make in your giving in your daily life to purposefully be outward focused with your resources vs. inward?

H. In what ways have you seen The Grove exemplify Christian generosity? _____

6) Christian Giving is God-glorifying

- Sacrificial and generous giving is only made possible by the grace of God. No man should boast in himself because of the good works he does- that is sinful and prideful. Every good deed is an opportunity to give glory to God and boast in His goodness and grace!

I. Knowing that all good works and sacrifice is empowered by God's grace, how should that shape your attitude toward your good works and generosity?
