

Generous Giving

SERMON DATE: 05/03/2026 | 1 Corinthians 16:1–2 / 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

WARM-UP QUESTION:

When you think about your personal finances, what emotions tend to surface most quickly for you—peace, anxiety, confidence, fear, something else? What is behind that response?

PRAY TOGETHER

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION:

Read 1 Corinthians 16:1–2 and 2 Corinthians 9:6–8.

Q: Paul talks about giving as something intentional rather than spontaneous. What stands out to you about the way he frames generosity here?

Q: Why do you think Paul emphasizes participation from *everyone*, even though their financial situations were very different? What does that tell us about the heart of Christian generosity?

Q: In the sermon, the contrast between Old Covenant tithing and New Covenant grace giving was highlighted. How does understanding that difference change the way you think about giving—or doesn't it?

Q: The message suggested that money often reveals what we really trust. In your own life, how have finances ever exposed fear, control, or misplaced security?

Q: Paul says we're not to give "reluctantly or under compulsion." What are some subtle ways guilt or pressure can sneak into our motivations—even when our actions look "right"?

Q: The planting metaphor (2 Corinthians 9:10–11) connects generosity with confidence in God's provision. When has trusting God financially felt especially risky for you? What helped—or would help—you take that step?

Q: Which description best fits your current posture toward generosity: cautious, consistent, hesitant, joyful, stretched, or something else? Why do you think that is?

Q: The sermon described grace giving as planned, proportional, generous, joyful, confident, and God-glorifying. Which one of those feels most challenging for you right now—and which feels most life-giving?

Q: If financial generosity truly “trains the soul to trust Jesus instead of money,” what kind of training do you sense God might be inviting you into next?

Pray for the group: for joyful generosity to characterize us as individuals and a group – because of our trust in Jesus.