

Day 8 - A Generous Heart

God's Kingdom is a place of true abundance. Unlike our earthly economy, which has a finite amount of money and resources, God's economy runs on infinite resources. There is always more than enough of God's love, mercy, and goodness for us to enjoy and share with others.

What areas of your life have you experienced God's extravagant generosity?

Our focus scripture for today is 2 Corinthians 9:8-11. As you listen to Scripture, notice what words resonate with you:

“⁸ And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: ‘He distributed freely; he gave to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’ ¹⁰ Now the one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will also provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.”

All that we have to give comes from God. The miracle of God's economy is that He takes the resources He has given us and multiplies them through us far beyond what we could ever imagine. While God does not need our generosity to accomplish His work, He invites us to participate in His Kingdom out of His desire for our partnership. We give back to God through our physical resources—money or material possessions—and He honors these gifts. Additionally, we can give out of the infinite resources God has bestowed upon us, such as love, kindness, and compassion.

Pause to ask God to reveal where you could grow and become more boldly generous. Is there an area where you hoard your resources because you feel you don't have enough or because you feel your offering is too small to help?

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say “yes, Lord,” we encourage you today to plan a way to be generous in the area that God has revealed to you.

As you plan, consider 2 Corinthians chapter 9 verse 7 – “Each person should do as he has decided in his heart – not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver.”

For example, you could donate money to a local non-profit to feed hungry people or build a facility to help our community flourish. Or, be generous with your time by inviting someone who is lonely into your home to share a meal and companionship. The options are endless. Be encouraged to do this cheerfully and do what you have decided—not out of guilt or obligation but out of the abundance God has already given to you.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, think on these words once more from 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

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Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.