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GENEROSITY IN COMMUNITY
2 Corinthians 8-9

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Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ac. 2:38; 16:31; 20:21; Rom. 10:9-10) and to surrender our lives to Him (Lk. 14:25-33), and having been baptized as Christians in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt. 28:19; Ac. 2:41; Rom. 6:1-4), we covenant together to glorify God (Is. 43:7; 1 Cor. 10:31) by making disciples (Mt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:2) of all nations (Ps. 67:1-2; Rev. 7:9-10).

- Together, we will draw near to God in worship (Heb. 10:22; Rom. 12:1-2). We will delight in the glory of God (Ps. 16:11; 37:4; 63:1-11), depend on the presence of God (Ex. 33:14-18; Mt. 28:20; Jn. 15:5; Jas. 4:8), grow in the knowledge of God (Php. 3:10; Col. 1:9-12; 2 Pet. 3:17-18), and submit to the Word of God as the all-sufficient authority in our lives and in His church (2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Ps. 19:7-11; 119:105-112).
- Together, we will hold fast to the hope we profess (Heb. 10:23). We will regularly participate in communion as we solemnly and joyfully remember the past work of Christ on the cross, celebrate the present work of Christ in His return for His bride (Lk. 22:7-23; Ac. 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-32).
- Together, we will spur one another on to love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24). We will meet with one another consistently (Heb. 10:25), pray for one another regularly (Php. 1:3-6), and serve one another selflessly (Rom. 12:9-13). We will share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens (1 Cor. 12:26; 2 Cor. 2:3; Gal. 6:2). We will edify one another with our speech (Eph. 4:29-32) and encourage one another with our example (1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Php. 4:9). We will humbly and gently confront one another and receive correction from one another in accordance with a New Testament understanding of church discipline and restoration (Mt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; Gal. 6:1). **We will give cheerfully and generously to the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations (2 Cor. 8-9).**

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Money and the Christian...

Our _____ follow our _____.

Generosity and the Church...

- We give out of an abundance of **grace**.
 - ▶ We give **willingly**.
 - We give **based** on God's blessing.
 - We give (at least) **according** to our ability.
 - ▶ We give **generously**.
 - Generous giving **to** God...
 - Results in greater giving **from** God.
 - God gives **enough** for us...
 - And He gives **abundance** for others.
 - ▶ We give **cheerfully**.
 - We are not **forced** by God to give.
 - We are **freed** by God to give.
 - We give as a demonstration of the **Gospel**.
 - ▶ We sacrifice our **rights** for others.
 - ▶ We spend our **resources** on others.
 - We give to promote **thanksgiving** to God.
 - ▶ Giving **unites** the people of God.
 - We give **regularly** to the church.
 - The church deals **responsibly** with our gift.
 - ▶ Giving **exalts** the goodness of God.

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