

DEEP GENEROSITY

2 Corinthians 9:6-14 • October 11, 2020

INTRODUCTION:

- A. ***Your giving proves the reality of your faith...*** — 2 Corinthians 9:13
B. The word **give** is used 2,152 times. Why God is a giver!!

I. DEEP GENEROSITY HONORS GOD.

- A. Generous giving recognizes that everything we have is a gift from God.
You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. Your generosity will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. — 2 Corinthians 9:13
- B. God is the one who has provided all that we have.
- God is the owner of all good things.
The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. —Psalm 24:1
 - God is the provider of every good thing.
Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God... — James 1:17
- C. Generosity to the poor and needy is a "double honor" to God.
Whoever is generous to the needy honors God. — Proverbs 14:31

II. DEEP GENEROSITY DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD.

- A. Generosity reflects our heart for God.
"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." — Matthew 6:21
- B. Having a heart for God is often forged through our obedience to God.
- For example, through tithing.
The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives. — Deuteronomy 14:2

III. DEEP GENEROSITY DEMONSTRATES OUR FAITH IN GOD.

- A. Generous giving reflects our faith that God will take care of our needs.
Your giving proves the reality of your faith... — 2 Corinthians 9:13
- B. We are generous in our giving because we believe in God's promises.
And God will make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others. — 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

IV. DEEP GENEROSITY WILL BE REWARDED.

- A. Generosity is rewarded now because it increases our happiness.
Jesus said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." — Acts 20:35
And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well. — I Timothy 6:19b
- B. Generosity will be rewarded in heaven.
Use your money to do good...always be ready to share with others whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! — I Timothy 6:18-19

CONCLUSION: