

IMPACT

THE POWER OF A SIGNIFICANT LIFE



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Memory Verse

"Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us — I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving."

2 Corinthians 8:7

What Is The Impact Of Generosity?

Generosity . . .

1. _____

"You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'"

Acts 20:35

2. _____

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. . . The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts 2:44-45, 47

3. _____

"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

Matthew 6:21

4. _____

"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."

2 Corinthians 8:9

The Power of Generosity

5. _____

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

Luke 6:38

God grows me through . . .

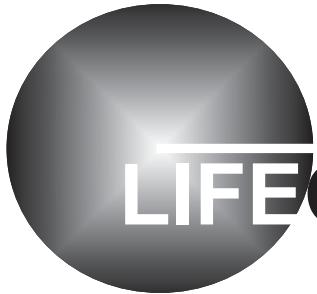
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MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Accept Jesus' generous gift of salvation for the first time
- Memorize 2 Corinthians 8:7
- Take a step toward generosity and . . .
 - Give for the first time
 - Commit to giving regularly
 - Accept the Tithe Challenge or online at erockchurch.com/tithechallenge
- Pray and ask God to help me to live a life of generosity
- Sign up for Financial Peace University (February 11)
- Complete the commitment card inside today's worship folder as a statement of my desire to pursue spiritual growth in 2018



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LIFE GROUPS

Discussion Questions - Week #2

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend “The Power of Generosity,” in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

What impacted you the most from the message?

GETTING STARTED

1. Share an example with your group of a time when another's generosity powerfully impacted your life.
2. Studies show that people who make more money don't necessarily become more generous. If increased income doesn't increase our generosity, what do you think it takes for a person to become more generous?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Genesis 15:1-4, Joshua 1:1-6, John 3:16, Luke 11:13, and James 1:17. What are the different gifts that you see God generously giving in these passages?

In addition to the things just listed, can you think of something God has given you recently?

Do you think the people in your life would say that you reflect God's generous character? If not, what could you begin to do to change that?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. What stands out to you most in this passage?

What excuses might the Macedonian's have had for not giving in this season?

Despite what they were enduring they “pleaded for the privilege” of giving sacrificially. What do you think compelled them to plead for the opportunity to give?

Do you think Paul shares their example expecting us to behave in the same manner?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. What do you think Paul is promising that we reap?

What might you need to sacrifice in your life today to sow more generously?

What do you think makes the difference between someone who gives cheerfully and someone who gives grudgingly?

Do you think someone can become a cheerful giver? If so, how?

TAKING IT HOME

6. What's one change or practical step you could take this week to help you to better reflect the character of our generous God?

7. How can the group be praying for you this week to do as our memory verse says and “excel in the gracious act of giving?”

PRAYER REQUESTS