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Worship Service  
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## Joyful Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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Joyful generosity is the heart RESPONSE to the grace of God, and this glad-hearted giving makes a difference.

*We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 2 Corinthians 8:1-2*

### The Difference Joyful Generosity Makes

#### 1. Joyful Generosity Is SOUL-SATISFYING!

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11*

#### Your Giving...

Enriches you for more GENEROSITY and causes GRATITUDE towards God.

#### 2. Joyful Generosity Is CHURCH-EDIFYING!

*For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. 2 Corinthians 9:12-14*

#### Your Giving...

- MEETS the needs of people in our church and community.
- FUNDS the mission, ministry, ministers, and missionaries of our church.
- UNITES God's people together for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### 3. Joyful Generosity Is GOD-GLORIFYING!

*By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others. 2 Corinthians 9:13*

*Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15*

### Three Words Empower Joyful Generosity

"GOD IS ABLE!"

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." 2 Corinthians 9:8-9*

### Bottom Line of Joyful Generosity

Are you willing to TRUST God enough to respond to His abounding grace with joyful generosity?