



Title: Gospel Generosity in Resources

Series: Gospel Generosity

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV84); 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9

2025 Theme Scripture: Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

January Scripture Memory: Colossians 3:3-4 (ESV) *3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

What being in Christ means:

1. GENEROUS LIFE. God has given us everything we need for life (physical and spiritual).
2 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV84)

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2. GENEROUS STEWARD. We are stewards of the life God gives us (1 Cor. 4: 1-2):
 - a. Life that we steward = Time. Treasures (Money/resources). Talents (Abilities). Relationships!
3. GENEROUS SACRIFICE = GRACE GIVING. God sacrificed in giving life to us. We must sacrifice in giving our lives to God and others. (2 Cor. 8:7-9)

The Grace Giving Equation

Stated Belief + Actual Practice = Actual Belief

When Jesus wanted to give an example of sacrificial generosity, He used:

- 1) The poorest woman to show sacrificial generosity. (Luke 21:1-4)
 - 2) The poorest church to show sacrificial generosity. (2 Cor. 8:1-6, 10-15)
4. GENEROUS JOY. God joyfully gave life to us. We must joyfully give our lives to God and others. (2 Cor. 9)

What happens when we give joyfully out of the life we've been given?

1. Others are motivated to pray, give, go and tell. (vs. 1-4)
2. God blesses others and us. (v. 6, 1 Kings 17:8-16)
 - God's Mathematics = You reap what you sow.

In God's mathematics the best way to increase a sum is to subtract from it.

3. God meets needs that we know about and ones we don't know about. (vs. 7-8)
4. People who do not know God come to know God personally. (vs. 9-10)
5. God is glorified through our giving. (v. 11)
6. A multitude of thanksgiving overflows from believers. (v. 12)
7. God brings unity to His people. (vs. 13-15)