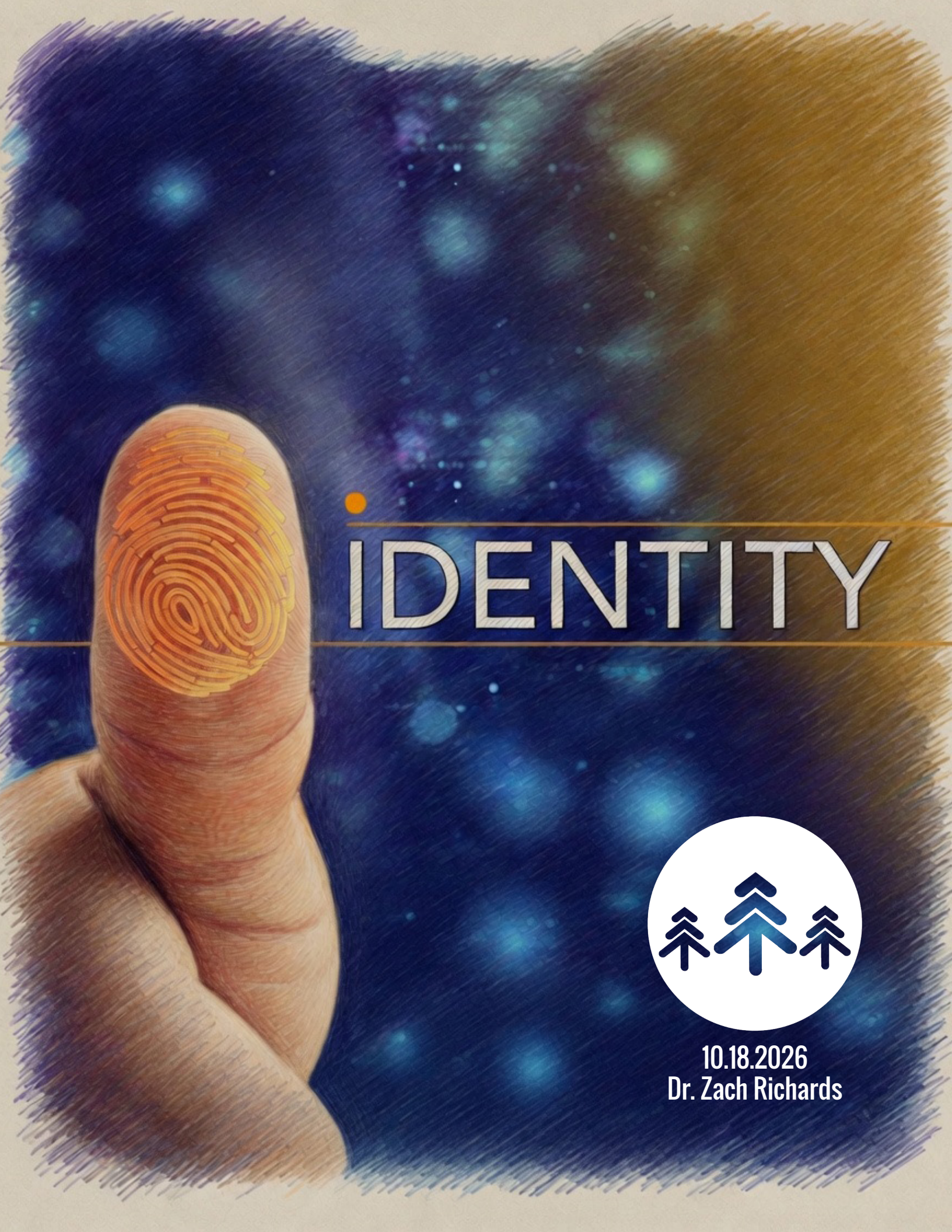


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A Heart for Generosity

II Corinthians 9:1-15

Sermon in a Sentence

Generosity is a spiritual opportunity and should be pursued with our whole heart.

Question

What does whole-heart generosity look like?

I. Generosity begins with how we look at it.

A. When Paul spoke to the Corinthians about their gift, he reminded them of their promise to contribute to the ministry of the saints in Jerusalem.

B. The reminders that Paul offered to the Corinthians can still apply to us.

1. *Generosity should be seen as an opportunity, and not a tax.*
2. *When contributing to ministry, generosity is the blessing.*
3. *Neglecting generosity is not about finances; it is about faith.*
4. **Mark 12:40-44**

   And He [Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And He called His disciples to Him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

II. God's reassurances should make generosity an easier decision.

A. Paul pointed out some truths to reassure the Corinthians that God could be trusted with their whole-hearted generosity.

B. Just like in other matters where faith is required, a little reassurance helps us to take that first step toward generosity.

1. **If we are generous, God assures us we won't miss the gift.**
   a) *That is true of our daily needs.*
   b) *That is true of our ministry needs.*
   c) *Malachi 3:10*

      Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.
2. *Generosity helps to mature us spiritually.*
3. *Generosity helps to disciple others.*
4. *Generosity helps to grow the kingdom.*