



How God Sees our Generosity Today – Part 1 (2 Corinthians 8)

Sunday, November 9, 2025

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34 NKJV

God owns everything

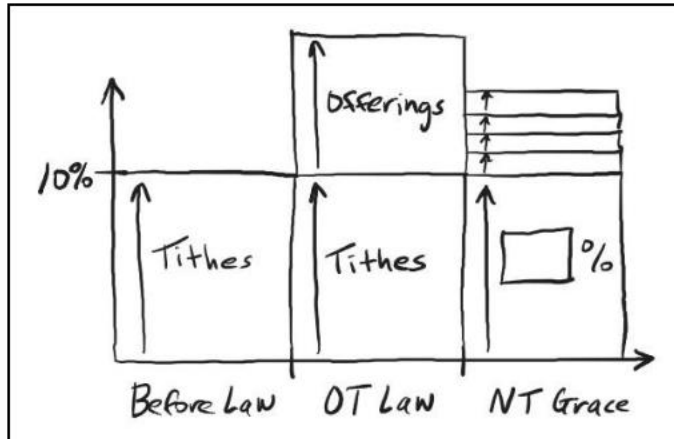
Money is a tool

Loving money is evil

“The many listeners to this message who haven’t yet committed to sacrificial generosity NEED to know that joy comes from giving! They don’t know what they’re missing!”

“We’re talking about joy [the joy of giving]. For me personally, I don’t even think about the money anymore. I get excited about what God is going to do with that money on the mission field, planting churches, and everything that Grace Church does, I get to be a part of that. Every time I hear about what Grace was able to do to build God’s kingdom, that gives me joy!”

Are you experiencing the joy of giving?



"I like sharing what I have... There's a lot of joy in giving. Especially not just to keep it for yourself, to be able to give to someone who... it's a real struggle for them."

2 Corinthians 8-9



Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:
2 Corinthians 8:1 NKJV

that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches
of their liberality. 2 Corinthians 8:2 NKJV

For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 2 Corinthians 8:3 NKJV

imploping us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 2 Corinthians 8:4 NKJV

“It is a marvel of God’s grace! The churches of Macedonia (2 Cor. 8), though pressed by trials and crushed by poverty, overflowed with generosity. The world would say that affliction dries up charity, that want stifles liberality. But grace makes a mockery of worldly wisdom. The poorer they were, the richer they became in giving. Their pockets were empty, but their hearts were full. Their means were small, yet their joy was great.” **(Eric Buresh, visitgracechurch.com/blog)**

And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; 2 Corinthians 8:10 NKJV

but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have. 2 Corinthians 8:11 NKJV

God sees giving as the result of giving your life to Him

And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. 2 Corinthians 8:5 NKJV

“Generosity is the natural sacrificial response of one who has received God’s love & grace.”

God sees giving as a key to your growth in Him

So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. 2 Corinthians 8:6 NKJV

But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also. 2 Corinthians 8:7 NKJV

God sees giving as proof of your love for Him

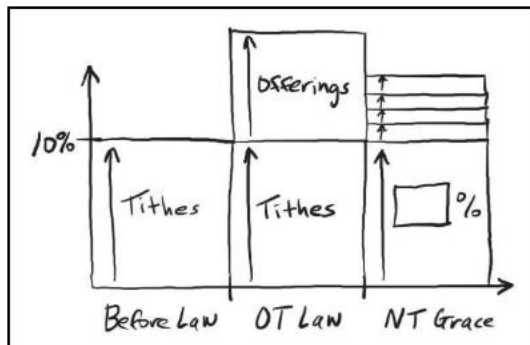
I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. 2 Corinthians 8:8 NKJV

“Giving isn’t just about money – it’s about love. It’s a way of saying, ‘God, I trust you. I love you. You matter more to me than anything else I could have spent this on.’” (Michael Liebler, [*For the Sake of Others Booklet*](#))

God sees giving as who your Lord is

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9 NKJV

“You may just need to look at Jesus again. Because when you see Him clearly, His love becomes so real, so compelling, that you can’t help but love Him back – even with your treasure.” (Michael Liebler, [*For the Sake of Others Booklet*](#))



[*What the Bible Actually Says about Money \(Scott Morton\)*](#)

[*Financial Peace University Stories \(4:14\)*](#)

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This Week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

Nov 9 – Heb 12, Family Focus – Heb 12:5-11

Nov 10 – Prov 3, Family Focus – Prov 3:11-12

Nov 11 - Reflection & Prayer

Nov 12 – Heb 13, Family Focus – Heb 13:5-8

Nov 13 – James 1, Family Focus – James 1:22-25

Nov 14 – James 2, Family Focus – James 2:21-26

Nov 15 – James 3, Family Focus – James 3:3-12

November 9

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In this series, we learn that God provides for us because He Loves us. We get the opportunity to look for and express thankfulness to God while learning about David singing his songs of praise and thanksgiving.

Memory Verse: "We thank God." Psalm 107:1 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We Thank God for Family and Friends

Parent Connect: Take turns sharing which family and friends your family is thankful for and why. Spend time as a family in prayer thanking God for those family and friends.



In this series, we will learn about Daniel in the Lion's Den, Esther, and the Israelites rebuilding the temple and how each person required courage to stand up for God's way. God gives us courage!

Memory Verse: "So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!" Psalm 31:24

Heart of the Lesson: Trust God | Esther 1-5:1-4

Parent Connect: This week, we began to learn about Queen Esther. As a family this week read Esther 1-5:1-4 or the story of Esther in a storybook Bible. Talk to your kid about who Esther was and why she had to Trust God!



God gives! God's generosity is one of the key themes that runs throughout the entire Bible. From God giving us life in Genesis to God giving us His one and only son in the New Testament, in this series, we are going to explore generosity in our own lives using what God has already given us.

Memory Verse: You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Heart of the Lesson: God gives us a role to play | Ephesians 4

Parent Connect: We have each been uniquely crafted by God with special traits and talents to serve our church. Talk as a family about what makes you special and then have a movie night to watch the "God Made You Special" episode of VeggieTales. Talk about how God has made us individually to serve our church and he loves us, very much.

WHAT GIVES?

God gives generously. He gave us everything, and our generosity is a response of thankfulness for who He is and everything He has done. What does it look like for a 5th-6th grade student to be generous with their time, talents, and treasures? How does God want us to share Him with those around us and those around the world? In this series, we'll explore what it means to live generously, giving because God first gave to us.

Memory Verse: “And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

Heart of the Lesson: God gives us a role to play – Acts 14:21-23, Acts 28:16-23

Parent Connect: Today we talked about some different roles people have in the church and in God's mission: Welcomers, Pray-ers, Goers, Senders, Mobilizers, and Encouragers. Ask your student what they remember about each one and what role they might see themselves having right now or in the future.