



MADE TO BE GENEROUS

2 Corinthians 8-9

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If you had \$531 dollars to give to any charity besides Harvest, which charity would you help and why would you do that? (In 2013, \$531 was the average amount donated to charity by Canadians)

Dig In!

I'm a generous Christian when I give...

Proportionately (8:1-3a; 11-15)

- How do you determine what you'll give back to God? The Macedonians gave according to their means and beyond and they are recognized for being generous. Do you aim to give below, beyond or at par with your means?

Sacrificially (8:3b) and Willingly (8:3c-4; 9:1-7a)

- Sacrificial giving is not giving till it hurts, but prioritizing the needs of others even while you are struggling to meet your own. How might sacrifice look different for the very wealthy, very poor, and for those in between?
- What factors motivate generosity when you decide to give? What causes people to be reluctant?

Sincerely (8:5-7) and Lovingly (8:8-10; 16-24)

- Why does submitting ourselves first to the Lord, then to others, motivate us to go beyond our ability to give to others? How could you help a new believer understand that giving is a worship activity and not simply a budget decision?

Cheerfully (9:7b-9) and Gratefully (9:10-15)

- What are some of the good feelings you've experienced with generous personal donations of finances or resources to God's work or people? How were you blessed?
- *"What you give is your Thank Offering to the Lord."* Based on your last offering, how thankful are you for what Jesus has done?

Break Out!

- Are you settled on this matter of generosity before the Lord? If not, what area from above do you need to work on?