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## God's Purpose

2 Corinthians 8:8-24 // Todd Dugard

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*God compels my giving in order to reveal his purposes:*

*Purpose 1 - Love as my compelling motivation (v. 8:8; 16-24)*

*Purpose 2 - Christ at the center of my life (v. 8:9)*

*Purpose 3 - Desires aligned with his (v. 8:10-11)*

*Purpose 4 - Understanding of the kingdom's economy (v. 8:12-15)*

### GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

- James 2:17 tells us that faith by itself, if it does not have works (action/fruit), is dead. Giving, however, is not a tip, a tax, or a tithe, but is an act of grace. What, then, is the motivating factor behind this “work?”
- Read Galatians 2:20 and discuss the ongoing implications as a believer.
- There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less. - G.K Chesterton
  - Discuss the economy of God's kingdom in contrast to human economies.
  - Paul quotes Exodus 16:18-20 in 2 Corinthians 8:15. Why does he include this? What message is he trying to convey?
  - How does God's economy challenge our assumptions about our money and possessions?