



**Sermon Outline**  
**November 24, 2024**  
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**Gratitude Generates**  
**Generosity**

**2 Corinthians 8:1-7**

\* **Gratitude is \_\_\_\_\_ and appreciation for something of need or benefit that you've received from an outside source.**

**1 Corinthians 4:7** - For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

\* **The default mode of the human heart doesn't appear to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Romans 1:21a** - For although they (*humankind*) knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor **gave thanks** to Him...

\* **To improve both the quality of your life as well as the depth of your faith, increase your experience and \_\_\_\_\_ of gratitude.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** - Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

\* **Getting to gratitude leads to \_\_\_\_\_.**

\* **Generosity is good for you & good for the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 11:24-25** - One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

\* **Generosity will always be diminished by a \_\_\_\_\_ mindset.**

*\* A scarcity mindset believes there's only so much to go around, so I'd better make sure I'm intentional about getting all I can for myself and making sure I hold on to it.*

\* **A scarcity mindset generates the following myths:**

1. When I'm generous, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ myself of something good.

2. When I'm generous, I'm putting my \_\_\_\_\_ at risk.

\* \_\_\_\_\_ **is the ultimate generosity of God.**

**An unexpected gratitude formula: A severe trial + overflowing \_\_\_\_\_ + extreme poverty = rich \_\_\_\_\_.**

\* **Generosity is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's grace in a person's heart.**

**2 Corinthians 8:3b-4** - Entirely on their own, they **urgently pleaded** with us for the **privilege of sharing** in this service to the Lord's people.

\* **Generosity flows from an \_\_\_\_\_ mindset that grows in the gratitude greenhouse.**

\* **Gratitude prepares the \_\_\_\_\_ for generosity.**

\* **You can't give away what you've not \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Matthew 10:8b** - Freely you have received; freely give.

*\* Generosity isn't about resources, it's about gratitude.*

\* **Our \_\_\_\_\_ create a gratitude-generosity loop.**

\* **An important stewardship question:** *What does my generosity or lack thereof reveal about my level of gratitude?*

### **The 90-Day Money Back Tithing Challenge**

*Out of gratitude to God for His provision in my life, I commit to returning to Him the first 10% of my income each month for the next 90 days. If at the end of that time I have not experienced the blessing of God's provision for my daily needs I can request the entire amount I've given to be returned.*

\* **I don't know of anyone who tithes who hasn't experienced God's \_\_\_\_\_ provision in their life.**