



Sermon Outline
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Getting to Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Money isn't the most important thing in the world, but it rates up there with oxygen. In fact, people who say "I'm not interested in money," probably lie about other things too.

— Zig Ziglar

Why being generous is often harder than it should be:

*** There are at least two lies Satan will try to get you to believe about generosity:**

1. If I'm generous, I'll _____ of something good.

2. If I'm generous, I'll be putting my future at _____.

*** Some might wonder —** *Why on earth would I want to _____ my hard-earned money?*

*** A better question to ask than "why?" is "_____?"**

What do I believe about _____?

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Money is a great servant, but a terrible master.

*** All too often we _____ what we need to remember and remember what we need to forget.**

2 Corinthians 9:6a - Remember this...

Hold on to this. Lock this in your mind. Don't lose sight of this.

Takeaways

*** Reaping is always _____ to sowing.**

2 Corinthians 9:6 - Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

*** Being generous needs to be your _____.**

2 Corinthians 9:7a - Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give...

*** God doesn't want your giving to be _____ or under compulsion.**

2 Corinthians 9:7b - ...not reluctantly or under compulsion...

*** God loves it when we give _____.**

2 Corinthians 9:7c - ...for God loves a cheerful giver.

Timeless Truths

*** Rather than an obligation, generosity should be viewed as an _____.**

2 Corinthians 9:6b - ...whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

*** God's provision follows _____.**

2 Corinthians 9:8 - And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

*** God's provision is intended to _____ generosity.**

2 Corinthians 9:11 - You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

*** We are more like _____ when we're generous.**

Ephesians 1:7-8a - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us.

*** Generosity is one of the _____ what God wants to do in and through your life.**