

Grace Unraveled
Principles of Grace-Driven Generosity
2 Corinthians 8:10 – 9:15

In our culture, much of what is taught about generosity is self-serving. Our culture and, unfortunately, many false-gospel teachers believe that we give in order to receive and that our physical prosperity is directly tied to generosity. However, the Bible teaches that true generosity isn't manipulative and self-serving. True generosity is a trait of the God we serve, a God who gives in spite of our selfishness.

1. Generosity comes from a _____ mind
 - A. We develop a _____ to giving
 - B. We develop a _____ for giving
 - C. We develop a _____ in giving

2. Generosity comes from a _____ heart
 - A. Grace giving _____ God
 - B. Grace giving _____ God
 - C. Grace giving _____ God

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.” - Jesus

God's gift of salvation to us is indescribably generous. It pleased God to save us through the sacrifice, the gift, of His Son. As followers of Jesus, we have been given the freedom to develop that same level of generosity as we seek to obey the commands of Christ in fulfilling both the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Reflection

Why do you think Paul started this section on giving by clarifying his opinion versus God's commands? What does this imply about his authority and his motives? What connection did Paul have to the Jerusalem church that made this offering so important to him? According to Paul, what would God do to those Christians who generously supported the offering? How do we apply these principles of generosity in our own giving today?