

Blessings from God
"Joyful Generosity – Part 2"

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2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (ESV)

The Results of Giving with a Joyful Heart
(i.e., giving generously, thoughtfully and cheerfully)

1. Joyful generosity prompts God to multiply my giving so that I experience an increase (vv. 8-11a).

- The principle is: When I hold on tightly to what I've got and I hoard it, that's all I've got. But when I give it away, God multiplies it.
- NOTE WELL: God multiplies my giving so that I can give more, and not so that I can keep the increase and make a "profit" for myself.
- As I bless others, God blesses me so that I can bless others further.
- The return is proportionate to the giving—the more I give, the more God enables me to give.

2. Joyful generosity _____ of people. (v. 12a)

3. Joyful generosity _____ with the thanksgiving and praise to God. (vv. 11b, 12b-13)

4. Joyful generosity stimulates people to _____. (v. 14)

Notes

Central Truth:

Joyful generosity on my part blesses God, others and me.

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Last Sunday, Pastor Michael taught that God's financial blessing is neither automatic nor arbitrary. Instead, it's a response on God's part to a heart that is right with him. What does generous, thoughtful and cheerful giving reveal about the heart? And, how does God respond financially to such a heart?
2. In light of the understanding that joyful generosity prompts God to multiply your giving so that you experience an increase, how would you respond to someone who says that he/she can't afford to give generously?
3. Help strengthen and encourage one another by sharing stories of a time when...
 - You witnessed or participated in joyful generosity that supplied the needs of people.
 - You witnessed or participated in joyful generosity that glorified God as people thanked and praised God because of needs being met.
 - You witness or participated in joyful generosity that stimulated people to pray for the joyful giver.
4. What one insight from the teaching seems most personally significant to you right now?
5. What action can you take in the next week to bring about transformation that you seek in yourself in response to Sunday's teaching?

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