



**Loving Jesus, Loving People, Plowing a Counter-Culture**

**SERMON TEXT:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**MAIN POINT:** Everything we have has been given to us by God for eternity.

**REFLECTION:**

**[1]** How does the truth that God is a “giver” tend to rub against the cultural narrative of our society?

**[2]** Why do you think someone might assume that God is a “taker?”

**[3]** How should God’s ultimate gift to us in Christ challenge our perspective of generosity?

**[4]** How does this truth challenge you, personally? Does it change your perspective at all?

**UNDERSTANDING: 2 Cor. 9:6-10**

**[1]** In your opinion, how does the principle of sowing and reaping in verse 6 contradict our culture’s view of money?

**[2]** What does it mean to give “under compulsion” (verse 7)? In what scenario do you think someone might do this?

**[3]** If we hope to be people living generously, why is so important that we examine our motives for giving?

**[4]** How do we know if we’re truly living generously?

**EXPLORATION: Luke 9:10-17**

**[1]** How do you think the disciples reacted when the crowd first showed up? What is the difference between their response and Jesus’ response?

**[2]** Why do you think Jesus told the disciples to feed the people? How do you think He was challenging them to change their perspectives?

**[3]** What kinds of circumstances today tempt us to place limits on what Jesus can do in us and through us?

**APPLICATION:**

**[1]** Where do you see generosity moving forward in our church? In your life?

**[2]** How can you, practically, grow in your own generosity this week?

**GOING DEEPER:**

**Reflection:**

- What action steps have you taken as a result of our study of generosity?
- What actions steps have you yet to take, or should you take?
- How does your view of God as either a “taker” or a “giver” affect your walk and your faith?

**Read 2 Corinthians 9: 10-11, Proverbs 11:24 & Luke 6:38.**

- What are these promises saying? What are they not saying?
- Why are these promises important?
- What happens if we misinterpret them?

**For Parents:**

- Share a personal story with your kids about when and how you’ve experienced God’s generosity.
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 with them and explain how God is a giver.

**PLOWS Challenge:** *We believe that discipleship is life-long, ongoing and organic. Much of discipleship is based on developing the ongoing habits of a disciple of Christ. Here at Emergence, we aim to commit ourselves to the following disciplines in our walk toward Christ:*

- P** – Praying daily for Gospel opportunity
- L** – Listening to the Word of God
- O** – Openness toward others
- W** – Works of Love
- S** – Sharing your story