Trailview Alliance Church
of Swift Current, Saskatchewan

A New Way of Living

The Grace of Giving · **Week One** · November 15, 2026

BIG IDEA

Generosity begins with a shift in the way we think and act; Jesus is inviting you to shift from a scarcity mindset to a generosity mindset.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1–15 (NIV)

1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about
the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In
the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their
extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that
they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their
ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us
for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.
5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves
first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.
6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning,
to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. 7 But
since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in
knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have
kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of
your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For
you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he
was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you
through his poverty might become rich.

10 And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this
matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to
have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your
eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion
of it, according to your means. 12 For if the willingness is there,
the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not
according to what one does not have.

13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are
hard pressed, but that there might be equality. 14 At the
present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in
turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is
equality, 15 as it is written: "The one who gathered much did
not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not
have too little."

CONNECT

What was the best thing about the last week?

What was the most challenging thing about last week?

Where did you see Jesus working this week?

What is your default mindset: Scarcity or Generosity? Why?

DISCOVER

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1–15 and then have one person paraphrase the passage (put it into their own words).

What stands out the most to you from the passage?

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about us?

What does your level of generosity reveal about your relationship with Jesus?

GO

What will you do because of what you have read? **I will** _____

Who needs to hear about what you have learned? _____

PRAY

Ask one or more members of the group to pray for any challenges identified during the connect time and, for each member, that they will carry through with their "I will" statements.

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How to Be Generous

The Grace of Giving · **Week Two** · November 22, 2026

BIG IDEA

Generous living doesn't just happen—it's a choice you make every day to live as Jesus envisions.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:16–9:5 (NIV)

16 Thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same
concern I have for you. 17 For Titus not only welcomed our
appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on
his own initiative. 18 And we are sending along with him the
brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the
gospel. 19 What is more, he was chosen by the churches to
accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer
in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness
to help. 20 We want to avoid any criticism of the way we
administer this liberal gift. 21 For we are taking pains to do
what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the
eyes of man.

22 In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has
often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now
even more so because of his great confidence in you. 23 As for
Titus, he is my partner and co-worker among you; as for our
brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an
honor to Christ. 24 Therefore show these men the proof of your
love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches
can see it.

9:1 There is no need for me to write to you about this service to
the Lord's people. 2 For I know your eagerness to help, and I
have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them
that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your
enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. 3 But I am
sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in
this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be
ready, as I said you would be. 4 For if any Macedonians come
with me and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything
about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident.
5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in
advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you
had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as
one grudgingly given.

CONNECT

If you could have a fast-forward, rewind or pause button that controlled this past week, which button would you have used?

What has Jesus been speaking to you about lately?

How did you do at living out your 'I will' statement from last week?

How would you define generous living?

DISCOVER

Read 2 Corinthians 8:16–9:5 and then have one person paraphrase the passage (put it into their own words).

What stands out the most to you from the passage?

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about us?

What is one barrier you regularly face when it comes to generous living?

GO

What will you do because of what you have read? **I will** _____

Who will you tell about what you discovered? _____

PRAY

Ask one or more members of the group to pray for any challenges identified during the connect time and, for each member, that they will carry through with their "I will" statements.

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What Generous Living Reveals

The Grace of Giving · **Week Three** · November 29, 2026

BIG IDEA

Generous living reveals God's heart, provision, and desire for you and the people around you.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6–15 (NIV)

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap
sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap
generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have
decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 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. 9 As it is written:

> *"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;*
> *their righteousness endures forever."*

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for
food will also supply and increase your store of seed and
will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 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.

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the
needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many
expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by
which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God
for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the
gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with
them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for
you their hearts will go out to you, because of the
surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God
for his indescribable gift!

CONNECT

How is your heart today? Why?

Who did you share what you learned last week with?

What was one takeaway for you from this week's sermon?

Would you consider yourself to be a "cheerful giver"? Why or why not?

DISCOVER

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–15 and then have one person paraphrase the passage (put it into their own words).

What stands out the most to you from the passage?

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about us?

What does this passage reveal about God's vision for the world?

GO

What will you do because of what you have read? **I will** _____

Who needs to hear what you have heard through this passage? _____

PRAY

Ask one or more members of the group to pray for any challenges identified during the connect time and, for each member, that they will carry through with their "I will" statements.