

Sufficiency IN CHRIST

Generosity Message 7

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3. Remembers to _____.
(2 Corinthians 8:10-15. C/R: Mark 12:41-44; Hebrews 13:16;
James 2:14-16; 1 John 3:17)

► Outline

... "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(C/R: Acts 20:35; Romans 8:32)

B. Grace giving by faith...

(2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15)

1. Regardless of _____.
(2 Corinthians 8:1-4. C/R: Luke 3:11; Romans 12:13;
15:25-27; Philippians 4:19)

2. Reflects generosity of _____.
(2 Corinthians 8:5-9. C/R: John 10:18; 17:5;
Philippians 2:6-8; 1 John 3:16)

4. Realizes God is _____.
(2 Corinthians 9:6-10. C/R: Proverbs 19:17;
Matthew 6:31-33; Luke 6:38; 1 Timothy 6:17-19)

5. Results in _____ for God.
(2 Corinthians 9:11-15. C/R: Isaiah 58:10; Matthew 5:16)

Answers: 1. circumstances 2. Jesus 3. follow through 4. provider 5. glory

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time someone surprised you with a gift.

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15](#).

1. How is it possible to be poor yet full of joy?
2. Why did Paul want the Corinthian church to give?
3. What's your reaction when the church talks about giving?
4. Describe a time you were eager to give.
5. Finish this sentence: *For me, money is* _____.
6. What are ways others have been generous to you?
7. Have there been times when you wanted to give more than you could? How did you feel?
8. What impact does generosity have on the one who gives?
9. Think back over your life. When have you given something that brought you great joy? What was it? Why did it impact you so deeply?

10. Paul encourages cheerful giving ([vs. 9:7](#)). The Greek word for *cheerful* is the root of our English word *hilarious*—the exact opposite of giving under compulsion. So according to chapters 8 and 9, how could you become a more cheerful giver?
11. What advice would you offer someone who says, *I know I should be giving generously, but how can I do that when I have so many bills?*
12. What do you find most inspiring or challenging from this week's lesson?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is like training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Pause and ask God to bring to mind one specific person in need. Then, ask God if He wants you to be the person to meet that need. If so, ask God to give you a heart of love and generosity as you share what you have. If not that person, how might God be leading you to give this week?

Memory Verse

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

[2 Corinthians 9:7 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Romans 12:9-13](#)

Day 4: [John 10:18](#)

Day 2: [1 Timothy 6:17-19](#)

Day 5: [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

Day 3: [Isaiah 58:10-11](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, November 7, we'll continue our series *Sufficiency in Christ*. To prepare read [2 Corinthians 10:1-11:15](#).



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