

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning 01-24-2021

Most of us give at one time or another but generosity feels strange in a world that tells us to look out for number one first.

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Philippians 2:5-13 NIV

5</small> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6</small> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7</small> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8</small> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to deathâ€” even death on a cross! 9</small> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10</small> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11</small> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12</small> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyedâ€”not only in my presence, but now much more in my absenceâ€”continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13</small> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/php.2.5-13.NIV>

Series: I Like Giving â€” The Life-changing Power of Generosity

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:8-15 and 9:1-8

Title: I Like Giving

2 Corinthians 8:8-15 NIV

8</small> I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9</small> 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</small> 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</small> 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</small> For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. 13</small> Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. 14</small> 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</small> 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."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/2co.8.8-15.NIV>

2 Corinthians 9:1-8 NIV

1</small> There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. 2</small> 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</small> 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</small> 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</small> 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. 6</small> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7</small> 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</small> 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.

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