

Live with a Spirit to Bless

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INTRODUCTION: From or For?

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- 2 Corinthians 9:7 ***Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.***
- 1. Inspire others to follow God.**
 - 1 Chronicles 29:9 ***The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.***
 - 1 Chronicles 29:5b ***...Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD?"***
 - 2. Make up there, come down here.**
 - Matthew 5:3 ***Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

- Numbers 6:22-27 ²² **The LORD said to Moses,** ²³ **"Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴ "'The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.'"** ²⁷ **"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."**

3. Plant seeds of generosity and watch the harvest God reaps.

- 2 Corinthians 9:1-2 ¹**There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the saints. ²For 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.**
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 ⁶**Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

CONCLUSION: Pray. Commit. Give.

Pray

Commit

Give

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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Monday: Read *1 Chronicles 29:9*. At Christ Lutheran Church Ministries, we want people to know that God is abundantly generous and wants to equip each of us to a lifestyle of generosity. As you think about your own life of generosity and passing that on to bless others you influence, what do you want for the people you model generosity?

Tuesday: Read *1 Chronicles 29:5*. Next weekend is our commitment weekend for our journey of generosity called, "Create for Community". The end of today's verse provides a great question, "Who is willing to consecrate himself to the LORD?" As you prayerfully consider your sacrificial gift, what has God been saying about how He wants you to respond? What will you do?

Wednesday: Read *Matthew 5:3*. The first beatitude speaks of our need to be aware of our sin and repent. One definition of repentance is, "**God wants you to fall on your knees and take your future back while you still have the chance.**" Where do you need to come to God in repentance? Where do you need to come home to God?

Thursday: Read *Numbers 6:22-27*. Dallas Willard defined blessing as “**the projection of good into the life of another.**” As you pray through these verses, pray specifically for God to send His good and protection to that person, for God’s radiant love to flow through their life, and for them to sense God’s presence and “shalom” peace that brings wholeness, meaning, and purpose to their lives.

Friday: Read *2 Corinthians 9:1-2*. When do you find yourself eager to be generous? Why is it difficult to be generous? Why the difference between eager and difficult in generosity?

Saturday: Read *2 Corinthians 9:6-7*. As you prayerfully consider your sacrificial gift to Create for Community, how has God led you to plan your response? Are you ready to give your sacrificial gift with great joy?

Going Deeper:

BOOK TO READ: *I Like Giving: The Transforming Power of a Generous Life* by Brad Forsma

NEXT WEEK: 1 Chronicles 29:14 **Give What God Has Given You**

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