SO WHAT

- According to Genesis 12:2, why does God want to bless us?
- When in need, what is your initial response? Who do you run to first? How does this affect your security in your finances and giving?
- Are your finances submitted under the Lordship of Jesus? Why or why not? When God tells you to give, how do you respond?

NOW WHAT

- How is your giving in tithes and offering? What can you do to please and obey God fully in this area?
- Who are the people around you whom you feel are in need? How can you help them this week?
- What other practical ways are available for you to exercise generosity in church, in school, or your community?
 How can you use these to point people to our generous God?

PRAYER

- Pray for each other in your Victory group, that every need will be met exceedingly and abundantly. May God's faithfulness change perspectives towards giving so that each one will be able to give without fear.
- Believe God for an open door to practice generosity to someone in need.
- Ask God for opportunities to bring more people to Jesus as you practice generosity in meeting their needs.



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Extravagant Generosity



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CONNECT

- What is the greatest sacrifice you did for someone? Was it worth doing? Why or why not?
- If you have all the money in the world, what would you do with it?
- What is one thing that you would like to receive as a Christmas gift?



But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7 (ALSO READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-7.)

WHAT

The Macedonian church set an exemplary example in generosity. What is generosity? Oxford dictionary defines the word as "giving more than what is being asked or needed." Let us look at how the Bible defined and explained generosity.

1	Generosity	is a	result	of	God's	grace.
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¹And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ² CORINTHIANS 8:1,2

A modern quote says, "You cannot give what you do not
have." This is true, but it often hinders us from giving in
freedom and confidence. It is only when we realize and
experience God's generosity will we be able to give
in faith (2 Corinthians 8:9). Recall how God generously
provided for you in the past. How will this help you change
your attitude towards giving?

²Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

² CORINTHIANS 8:2-4

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3 Generosity is a mark of a believer.

And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:5

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