

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for November 24, 2024
Goodness of God: When Gratitude Leads



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with a
CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT**

- Can you think of a time when an act of generosity—yours or someone else’s—brought people closer to God? How did it happen?

- **GROW**

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!

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- In the Greco-Roman world, generosity often came with expectations of reciprocity or recognition. How is Paul’s teaching on cheerful giving different from cultural norms of his time?
- Where else in Scripture do we see examples of God’s generosity inspiring gratitude and giving? How might these examples deepen our understanding of this passage?
- Paul uses the metaphor of sowing and reaping to describe giving. What does this imagery suggest about the connection between generosity and its outcomes in our lives and the lives of

others?

- o Paul emphasizes that giving should be done “not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” How does the idea of giving cheerfully challenge or inspire you in your own approach to generosity?
- o In verse 8, Paul writes that God is able to bless abundantly so that we can abound in good works. How does this promise encourage trust in God when practicing generosity?
- o Paul quotes Psalm 112:9 in verse 9, linking generosity to righteousness. How does practicing generosity reflect God’s character in our lives?
- o How does our giving result in thanksgiving to God, both for the giver and the recipient? Can you think of a time when someone’s generosity inspired you to praise God?
- o Paul concludes by thanking God for His “inestimable gift.” How does reflecting on God’s ultimate generosity in Jesus Christ inspire our gratitude and giving?

- **SERVE** *others*

How can receiving God’s forgiveness and generosity transform your heart and inspire you to live a life of cheerful giving? What practical steps can you take to reflect this transformation in your daily life?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**