

TRUE VINE WEEKLY



Sermon: Giving Generously Because God Has Given To Us



Scripture: 2 Cor 8:1-9,
Mark 12:41-44, Matt 6:19-21



Our 10 Convictions

1. Proclaiming the authority of God's word
2. Worshipping God in spirit and truth
3. Believing in the power of prayer
4. Making disciples who make disciples
5. Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with boldness
6. Giving generously because God has given to us
7. Serving with our spiritual gifts to build up the body
8. Sending resources and qualified leaders to plant churches
9. Celebrating God's design for marriage, gender and the family
10. Protecting the flock from spiritual threats and wolves



Big Idea - Don't Miss This!

Have you ever seen something that felt completely reliable suddenly disappear?

There's a waterfall in Ecuador that dropped nearly 500 feet and carried thousands of gallons of water every second. It was a landmark people assumed would always be there. And then in 2020 it was gone. A sinkhole upstream changed everything.

The point is simple: things we assume are stable often aren't.

And that raises a question Jesus poses through Scripture: What if the things we're holding onto so tightly aren't as secure as we think?

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, Paul points us to a group of believers who gave generously, not because they had extra, but because they had something deeper: grace.

And that changes everything. Generosity isn't about how much you have. It's about what has your heart.



Keep This in Front of You

- Generosity isn't rooted in wealth, it's rooted in grace
- We can be joyful and generous even in the midst of lack
- Giving is proportionate, sacrificial, and voluntary
- What we hold loosely on earth reflects what we treasure in heaven



Pause & Be Honest

Slow down and reflect:

- When I think about giving, what emotion rises first, joy or resistance?
- What am I most tempted to hold onto too tightly?
- Do I truly believe God provides for me, or am I operating out of fear?



Talk About It

With family, friends, or even just on your own:

- What stood out to you from the waterfall illustration?
- Why do you think generosity feels risky sometimes?
- What's the difference between giving out of obligation vs. joy?
- Where do you think God is inviting you to trust Him more?



Live it Out

Generosity always moves outward. Keep it simple and real:

- Who is one person you can bless this week?
- Practice intentional generosity. Give without delay when you sense a need.
- Do one act of generosity that is quiet and unseen.
- Choose one way to sacrifice your comfort for someone else's good.



Generosity grows through practice, not pressure. And remember, it isn't always financial. Sometimes it's simply being present.



Kids' Corner



Key Truth

God gave us the most generous gift ever in His son Jesus. So, we give generously to others because God first gave to us.



Memory Verse

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

*Practice saying it at least once a day!



Talk About It!

Have this conversation at the table, in the car, before bed, or anywhere!

- What is something you like to share with others?
- Why do you think God wants us to be generous?
- How can we be kind or giving to someone this week?



Treasure Jar Challenge

What you need:

- A jar or cup
- Small slips of paper
- Something to write with

What to do:

- Write names of people you know on the slips of paper
- Put them in the jar
- Each day, pull one name out

Then:

- As a family, do one small act of generosity or kindness for that person. Pray for them, encourage them, share something with them, or help them in a simple way.

Connect it:

- Talk about how it felt to give instead of keep

