

Study notes on Generosity: Sunday 3 December 2017 Graeme

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

1. Think of the most generous person you know. What is it about them which causes you to identify them as generous?
2. 'Generosity is part of God's nature'. Can you identify and celebrate some of the ways in which God expresses His generosity?
3. How helpful is the concept of the tithe in guiding our generosity? Can you identify any dangers in the adoption of tithe as our guiding principle in generosity?
4. Generosity only starts when obligation ends. What obligations do we have before generosity can start?
5. Look through 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and also 2 Corinthians 8: 7-12. Also 1 Corinthians 6:19. What principles regarding generosity can we find in these verses?
6. If 'everything we have and are is God's,' how do we decide how to use His stuff and for what purposes?
7. Recall the parable of the talents – Matthew 25:14-30. How do you respond to Graeme's illustration – What do you call something precious at the bottom of a hole? Mine! What may be current examples of the hole in the ground?
8. Graeme referred to generosity as an attitude not an action; an overflow of the Spirit; an element of gratitude. How does this play out in the story of Zacchaeus? Luke 19:1-10.

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