



## Pastor Derrick Shields “A Generous People” 11/14/2021

### Key Verses:

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

### Key Thoughts:

- God gives us gifts to work in our lives and the world. He's calling us to use our resources for the world just as his son used his resources for the world.
- In 2 Corinthians 9, Paul is telling this church that
- We are inspired by other people who are generous. This stirs up a deeply rooted desire to express generosity ourselves.
- The rest of the passage tells us how we can express that type of generosity.
- Despite what we might think of ourselves, we serve a God who is able to bless us abundantly. God's blessing comes so that we will abound in every good work.
- When you plant a seed, the fruit looks different from the seed that was planted. And the fruit is more abundant than the initial seed.

### Fruit of a Generous Life:

1. Greater contentment with what we have (1 Timothy 6:6-10)
  - When we're generously, it seems like we're content with what we have left. When we're not living generously, it seems like we never have enough.
2. Increased love for the Kingdom (Matthew 6:19-21)
  - Your heart is where your treasure lies. Do you have a healthy balance of generosity?
3. Clarity about your purpose (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)
  - When we give, the harvest of your righteousness is enlarged. When we're generous with our time, talents and treasures, there is a greater potential for people to learn something about the Lord.
4. More loving heart for others (2 Corinthians 9:12-15)
  - There are people that are thanking God today because of your generosity. Hope Springs Community Church is making a difference in East Columbus because of the generosity of those in our church. People that we may never meet know more about God because of our generosity.

### Discussion Questions:

- Who is someone in your life that you'd consider a generous person? What traits resonate with you in that person?
- We've been given resources of time, talents, and treasure. In what area would you most like to grow in being more generous to others?
- Consider someone in your life today who would benefit from your generosity. How can you demonstrate generosity to that person today or this week?