

Unshackled through Generosity

Rick Warren: “The word “believe” is used 272 times in the Bible. God wants you to believe. The word “pray” is used 371 times in the Bible. God wants us to pray. The word “love” is used 714 times in the Bible. God wants you to learn to love. But the word “give” is used _____ times.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; 9 as it is written, “He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor, His righteousness endures forever.” 10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. 13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, 14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

1. God _____ generosity.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- It's possible to give _____ or a lot of time and not be generous.
- Generosity reflects _____.
- 2 Corinthians 9:9 He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor, His righteousness endures forever.
- John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

2. God _____ generosity.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.
2 Corinthians 9:10-11

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 Now, brethren, we *wish* to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, 2 that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

- God calls giving a “_____.”
- 2 Corinthians 8:7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

3. God _____ generosity

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Medical News Today: Generosity makes you _____.

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/318406.php>

It's like a cycle. We give. It produces joy, so we give more.

4. God is worshipped through generosity.

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