

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Lift Him Up, Mighty Warrior, Great is Thy Faithfulness

WELCOME

“Gimme Five”. Name 5 things you have given generously. How did it feel after giving each of them?

WORD

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6–9

⁶ 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.”

One way to express radical love is to volunteer our treasure, time and talent. We can learn two defining statements from Jesus on the topic of giving or volunteering our treasures:

1. **“Give, and it will be given you.” (Luke 6:38)**

We do not give just in order for us to receive. But when we give unto the Lord, He will most surely give back immeasurably more than we could imagine. When we give, we receive His outpouring. We cannot outgive Him (**Malachi 3:10**). We give because we want to obey God’s Word as we want to honor Him.

- Generosity in giving will result in greater reward or blessing from God even when we do not look for it or expect it.

2. **“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)**

- Generous people are very blessed people. They are blessed because there is joy in their giving.

To enjoy the benefits of God’s promises, we must exercise faith and obedience in giving generously, unselfishly, and sacrificially. God blesses our giving to become channels of His blessings to bless others.

How do we give? Here is an easy way to remember: **Generously, Individually, Voluntarily, Expectantly** (2 Corinthians 9:6–11).

GIVE GENEROUSLY (2 CORINTHIANS 9:6)

The principle in giving generously is we reap in the measure that we sow. Sow less and reap less; sow

more and reap more (**2 Corinthians 9:6**). Those who sow generously will reap eternal harvest that will exceed their expectations (**Matthew 19:21**).

God loves generosity for He is a generous Giver. Jesus modeled generous giving (**Isaiah 53:12**). If we follow His model, we will ultimately become generous givers of our talent, time, and treasure.

GIVE INDIVIDUALLY (2 CORINTHIANS 9:7)

Giving is an individual choice, privilege, and responsibility. No one else can make it for us. Giving must come individually from the heart and for the Lord. Have you given yourself to the Lord?

You will never go wrong giving your life to God. If you hold on to your life, you will lose it in the long run. Giving is not just about money but giving of ourselves first (**2 Corinthians 8:5; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2**). God does not need our money, He is all sufficient, but He gives us the privilege to give.

We make a living by what we make, we make a life by what we give. — Winston Churchill

God has entrusted to us as His stewards whatever we have. That means when we give, we are not really “giving to the Lord,” but merely giving back what already belongs to Him.

GIVE VOLUNTARILY (2 CORINTHIANS 9:7)

We should give willingly and cheerfully. The principle is we reap as we sow but with the right motives. We should be doing it unto the Lord. If you are just being forced to give, then do not do it but wait unto the Lord to give you a right heart.

WORD (cont'd)

God does not want sad givers who give grudgingly or mad givers who give only out of necessity or under compulsion but He delights with glad givers who give cheerfully.

Jesus Himself gave His life voluntarily (**John 10:17-18**) because He loved us. This is the best illustration of God's love for us. What a gift and what a Giver we have in Jesus.

GIVE EXPECTANTLY (2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-11)

When we give in grace, God is going to give back more than we would expect. When we give good deeds unto the Lord, we can expect that God will provide us with the ability for us to do more good deeds (**2 Corinthians 9:8-9**). God can bless us more so we can also be a

blessing to a lot more (**vv.10-11**). The principle is we reap while we are sowing.

Somebody said, "What I spent, I lost, what I have I left to others, what I gave remains with me."

Our investment on earth can be short term and then gone, but the treasures we store up in heaven will have eternal value with exponential returns.

If you give, don't worry, God is able to remember your kindness and will reward you. God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (**Philippians 4:19**).

Two plus two equals four, but two plus two plus God equals more. When you give unto the Lord, He will multiply His blessings upon you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. First Rate Giver.** What are the characteristics of God according to **2 Corinthians 9:6-11**?
- 2. My Giving Quotient.** In a scale of 1-5 (5 being the highest), how do you rate yourself in terms of giving? What can you do to improve in this area?
- 3. Give Generously.** With Jesus as the model for generous giving, name specific ways you will start doing to follow the example of Jesus.

WORKS

BLESSED TO BLESS

You were blessed to bless. List down how God has blessed you in the past month.

Intentionally pray to God for a specific person who you could bless generously and willingly with gladness in your heart. Share to the group next week how you were able to bless this person.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends