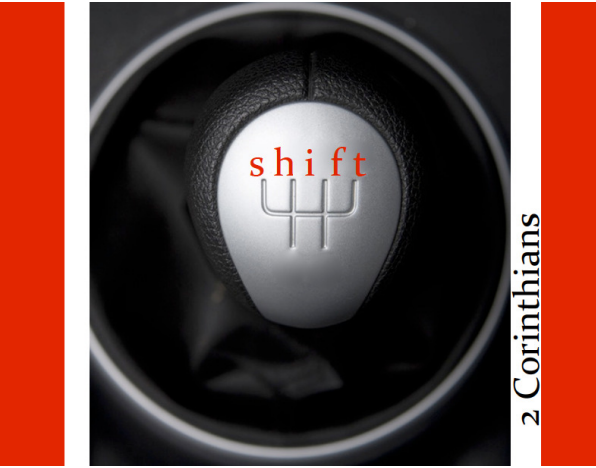


— TEACHING POINTS —



Title: The Generous Life 1  
 Date: July 25, 2010  
 Speaker: Steve Harling  
 Key Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15

Help! I want to be more generous!

- What might your life look like if you could be more generous?
- What do you need to do to get there and are you willing to do whatever it takes?
- Is there something you can do right now to create space for generosity?
- Are there other 'non-monetary' ways that you can express generosity?

The Macedonians (8:1-5)

severely tested / dirt poor + overflowing joy  
 = extreme generosity  
 (Paul's explanation=it's by God's grace)

The Corinthians	The Macedonians
tough times	• tougher times
living the good life	• barely scraping by
able to give a lot	• able to give little
divided & distrustful	• united & trusting
resentful of God	• grateful to God
entitlement thinking	• it's 'all God's' thinking
give what you don't need	• give what costs something
giving = duty	• giving = joy

The most famous Macedonian of all time: Mother Teresa

- "I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world"
- "Intense love does not measure, it just gives"
- "The more you have, the more you are occupied, the less you give. Poverty for us is a joyful freedom"
- "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, must empty ourselves"
- "It's not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that we put into them that matters"
- "If you can't feed a hundred people, just feed one"
- "Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet"
- "It won't do any good to give our possessions to God unless we give ourselves"

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