

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

Generosity And The Incarnation

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

December 15, 2019

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>2 Corinthians 8:1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, [2] for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. [3] For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, [4] begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— [5] and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. [6] Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. [7] But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. [8] I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. [9] For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. [10] And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. [11] So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. [12] For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. [13] For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness [14] your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. [15] As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”</p>	<p>Apprehension of God’s grace to us through Christ’s incarnation and sacrifice produces generosity in us.</p> <p>I. The generosity of others points us to God’s grace and motivates us to give (1-7)</p> <p>II. Jesus is our model for generosity (8-9)</p> <p>III. The Church cannot be hesitant about generosity (10-15)</p> <p>Memory verse for 2019-</p> <p>Acts 10:42-43</p> <p>[42] And he (Christ) commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.</p> <p>[43] To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.</p>

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Sermon Application Questions

1. How do stories about generosity from unlikely sources impact your own practice of generosity?

2. Discuss what Jesus gave up to become poor, so that we might become "rich".

3. Why is it often difficult to give money to various charitable causes? What are some obstacles?

4. Discuss this statement-

One can give out of extreme poverty, and one can give out of measureless riches. Those who are disinclined to be generous when they are poor are not likely to become suddenly generous when they are rich.

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: