

Live **STRONG**

Determined to Live Generously

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Life Group & Personal Bible Study Questions

This guide is designed to provide some additional study for both personal enrichment and small group (Life Group) discussion based on Sunday's sermon. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study of the passage listed, but a talk sheet for further study. This also is not a complete outline of a Life Group time or personal study or exhaustive study of the Bible passage, so please feel free to do some or parts of this study as you enjoy your Life Group experience or personal time with the Lord.

How would you describe someone who is generous? What are some key qualities of generosity?

Look up the following Bible verses on generosity and discuss why you think our generosity is important to God.

Leviticus 25:35-37

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

Psalms 41:1-3

Proverbs 11:24-25

Matthew 6:19-21

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Is tithing being generous? How does it relate to generosity? Malachi 3:8-11

Read again 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and think back over Sunday's sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?

What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

How does being generous put us into an environment for us to grow in faith? See Luke 6:30-38, 1 John 2:5-6, 1 John 3:16-18 as they may help.

What are some possible growth areas God can build into us as we place ourselves in the environment of generosity?

How is God as the Father, as the Son, and as the Holy Spirit generous towards us? See John 3:16, 1 John 3:16, Romans 8:26-27

Why would you say being generous is a principle for living strong?

How will you seek to be more generous this next year?

What is something that has encouraged or challenged you through this study?

Answers to Sunday's fill in the blanks and other Bible verses:

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2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Introduction Notes:

2 Peter 3:18

1 Corinthians 3:7

Determined generosity yields opportunity for growth

Three Guiding Truths of Generosity to Grow and Live Strong

Generous Giving Brings Abundance vs6-7

Proverbs 11:24-25

Ephesians 1:3

- Freedom from Sin's effect - Romans 6:6-10
- Belonging - Ephesians 1:4
- Purpose - Matthew 28:19-20
- Significance - 1 Peter 2:9

Generous Sacrifice Boosts Increase vs8-11

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

C.S. Lewis quote:

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them."

Generous Service Blesses God vs12-15

Proverbs 3:8

Acts 20:35

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