



Sermon Notes

January 18, 2026

Series

Reflections of a Shepherd's Heart

Today's Message

Generosity and the Heart of God

Today's Main Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Main Point

Are you a generous person? In today's message, we look at a Biblical perspective on generosity rooted in God's character. God delights in giving and calls us to model that same generosity in all aspects of our lives.

- Generosity and God's Character
- Generosity and a Genuine Love for God
- Generosity and a Genuine Love for One Another

Treasure ... Time ... Talent ... Truth ... Testimony

Notes:

Self Reflection:

- 1) How are generosity and stewardship related? How do both of these relate to worship?
- 2) In recent messages we have been asking God to show us areas of our lives in need of change. What changes might we consider relative to generosity? Think about this both individually as well as the local church.
- 3) One measure of a believer's intimacy with our Father in Heaven is their recognition and response to the knowledge that all good gifts come from the Lord (James 1:17). That includes time spent, talent or skill set, treasure, health, and even the breath in our bodies. Meditate on how the Lord has blessed you. How do you respond to Him, and to others with the gifts which have been given to you?
- 4) Look at 2 Corinthians 8:2-4 again. Would you describe yourself and/or our church family as someone/people overflowing with joy, rich in generosity, and giving beyond your/our ability? Perhaps you/we are exceeding in one of these areas, but not another. What practical steps can be taken to work toward growth in areas that are lacking?

Further Study

John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15