

Foundations For Christian Living: GENEROSITY
1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Although We Are Called To Generosity Our Giving Has Gone From...

Obligatory to Optional (2 Corinthians 8:1-4)

A Tithe to a Two-th (Malachi 3:6-12)

First-Fruits to Table Scraps (Malachi 1:6-10)

Paul Says Our Giving Should Be...

Globally Minded NOT Me Centered (1 Cor 16:1, 3-4)

Scheduled & Systematic NOT Emotionally Manipulated (1 Cor 16:2a)

Proportionate To What God Gives Us (1 Cor 16:2b)

The Good News About Giving Is

God Gave Globally (1 Peter 2:9-10)

God Gave Us His Best (Philippians 2:5-11)

God Continues To Give Despite Our Shortcomings
(Hosea 2:19-23, 2 Corinthians 8:7-9)

Take Home Questions

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1. **BREAK THE ICE:** Giving always brings with it thoughts of Christmas. Did you realize that Christmas is just 16 weeks away? What would it look like for you to be a radically different giver this Christmas? Don't just speak to "buying more presents." What relationship can you begin to think about how to give more in? Who is a non-believer in your life that you can begin praying about how to reach out to during Christmas? What is a local or global organization that is heavy on your heart that we as a church can pray about giving to as Christmas nears?
2. Take a minute to read the passage together (1 Corinthians 16:1-4) and then review your notes from Sunday's lesson. What particularly stood out to you, challenged you or confused you in our study of 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 this week?
3. We often think that if we just made a little more money we'd be better givers but there is a mountain of research that says otherwise. Read the following verses together and discuss how they apply to us today.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Proverbs 13:11

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Matthew 6:19-21

4. Read Luke 12:13-21 and then discuss the parable as well as the following question.

What does a Healthy, Godly, Gospel Centered budget look like? Does your budget reflect this sort of approach to your finances? If so, share with the rest of the group what you have learned about God by living like this. If not, then what needs to change in your approach to your finances? When will you make those changes?

Looking Ahead

Next week we will be in 1 Corinthians 16:5-24 looking at our final Foundation for Christian Living: **Calling**. Look at the passage now and note any questions you have or anything that immediately jumps off the page at you.