



July 3-4, 2010
Week 4—Healthy Family Finances

BIG IDEA: Financially healthy families are on the journey to a lifestyle of generosity.

The questions for this series are:

Do we believe that God owns it all?
Will we stop consuming?
Will we live more simply?

Will we live missionally?
Will we eliminate debt?
Will we give generously?

OPENING. Share a time when you gave generously as a result of a prompting from God. Has that been a rare, occasional or common occurrence?

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7

1. Apparently the Corinthian church excelled in their life together in many areas, just not in generosity. In what area are we excelling? In what area would we be admonished?
2. How would Paul describe our giving?
3. Are you satisfied with your current level of giving? What inhibits your growth in giving?

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-5 AND 9:7-8

1. Describe in your own words the church in Macedonia. What stands out to you about their church life?
2. If you were speaking directly to the Macedonian church, what would you ask them about their generosity?
3. Paul is commending the attitude behind their generosity. What has been your experience with giving generously? Have you seen it modeled?

READ Matthew 25:14-26

1. If the master returned today, what would he say about your stewardship?
2. What would it take for you to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant" in regards to your finances?
3. Where have you been "lazy" or reluctant in your giving? Why? What would motivate you to be more generous?

PRAYER. We all need help from God to become more generous with our resources. Share a specific request related to your giving and generosity. Pray for each other to grow in the grace of giving.

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9



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