For the Week Beginning November 8, 2026

"Generosity"

❁ 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

[1]There is no need for me to write to you about this
service to the saints. [2]For I know your eagerness to
help, and I have been boasting about it to the
Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in
Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has
stirred most of them to action. [3]But I am sending the
brothers in order that our boasting about you in this
matter should not prove hollow, but that you may
be ready, as I said you would be. [4]For if any
Macedonians come with me and find you
unprepared, we — not to say anything about you —
would be ashamed of having been so confident. [5]So
I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit
you in advance and finish the arrangements for the
generous gift you had promised. Then it will be
ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly
given.

[6]Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also
reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will
also reap generously. [7]Each man should give what
he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or
under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
[8]And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so
that in all things at all times, having all that you
need, you will abound in every good work. [9]As it is
written:

"He has scattered abroad his gifts to
the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

[10]Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread
for food will also supply and increase your store of
seed and will enlarge the harvest of your
righteousness. [11]You will be made rich in every way
so that you can be generous on every occasion, and
through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving
to God.

[12]This service that you perform is not only supplying
the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in
many expressions of thanks to God. [13]Because of the
service by which you have proved yourselves, men
will praise God for the obedience that accompanies
your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your
generosity in sharing with them and with everyone
else. [14]And in their prayers for you their hearts will go
out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has
given you. [15]Thanks be to God for his indescribable
gift!

Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

❁ **Opening Question:**
• Can you think of a time when someone's generosity had a bigger impact on you than the actual gift itself? What made it meaningful?

❁ **The Living Word: Please read our text for this week.**

- Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Please narrate using your own words.

Verses 1–5

1. What is the difference between being willing to give and actually being prepared to give? Why does Paul want the gift to be ready beforehand rather than gathered at the last minute? **2. What is the difference between generosity that is willing and generosity that feels forced?** Why does motive matter to God, not just the amount given?

Verses 6–7

3. What does the picture of sowing and reaping communicate? Does this mean giving is a way to manipulate God into making us wealthy? Why not? What kinds of "harvest" might generous giving produce? **4. What does "each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give" tell us about intentionality in giving?** Why is generosity something we should think and pray about ahead of time? **5. What does cheerful giving look like?** Why do you think God is concerned about the heart of the giver?

Verses 8–11

6. According to verses 8-11, what does Paul say God is able to provide?
Why does God bless and supply His people? **7. What does the imagery of the seed and the Sower tell us about the source of what we have?** What is the difference between seeing money as 'mine' and seeing it as something entrusted by God? **8. According to verse 11, why does Paul say we will be made rich?**

Verses 11–13

9. How can one person's generosity lead someone else to worship God?
What does this tell us about the spiritual impact of giving? **10. According to verse 12, what two things does this generosity accomplish?** How can generosity become an expression of the gospel rather than merely philanthropy? **11. What connection does Paul make between believing the gospel and living generously?**

Verses 14–15

12. According to verse 14, how can generosity deepen relationships between believers?
Why is Christian generosity ultimately about grace rather than status? **14. What is the "indescribable gift" Paul is referring to?** Why does Paul finish a chapter about giving by pointing back to what God has given us?

❁ **Living the Word:**
• If God has already given us His "indescribable gift" in Christ, how should that reshape the way we think about what we give to others?
• How could you become more intentional about using your money, time, home, skills, or possessions to bless others?