

## CORE STRENGTH

### WE LIVE GENEROUSLY - FREELY WE RECEIVE, FREELY WE GIVE

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- I. Crossroads Core Values - Things I would teach to build the Church
  - A. We Want To Be With Him - His Presence Means Everything
  - B. We Do Life Together - Relationships Make Us Stronger
  - C. We Pull on the Leash - Big Faith, Big Risks, Big God!
  
- II. We Live Generously - Freely we receive, freely we give.
  - A. Matt 10:1-8
    1. Freely - dorean - Gratuitously, given without cost to the recipient. For nothing
    2. Received - lambano - To take, grab hold of or seize; to come to believe something and act according to that belief.
    3. Freely Give - didomi - To cause to happen, to make or to produce
  
- III. We Live Generously Core Value - Not about a command but rather an invitation
  - A. Generous - Webster - liberal in giving: openhanded — a generous benefactor; marked by abundance or ample proportions
  
  - B. God's Financial Generosity starts with the tithe - Giving God what is His first.
    1. Gen 2:15 - Where does tithing start? Is it part of the Law?
      - a) Jacob makes a vow – 400 yrs before Law
        - (1) Gen 28:22 22...of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.
    2. Lev 27:30 30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.
    3. Ex 23:19 19 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.
      - a) Firs tfruit - The first portion of something which has been set aside and offered to God before the rest of the substance or objects can be used.
        - (1) Rom 11:16 16 For if the firs tfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.
      - b) Prov 3:9-10 9 Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
    4. Deut 26:1-2;13-14
      - a) Luke 11:42 42 But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

#### IV. 2 Cor 9:5-11 - We Live Generously - “How we give”

- A. Generosity – eulogeo - To give as to be a blessing.
- B. Grudging obligation — pleonexia - Extortion; to obtain from a person by force, intimidation
  - 1. Greedy Heart - Selfish thoughts are evil. Desire to keep
  - 2. Generous Heart – Selfless thoughts are Godly; Called to give generously
- C. Sparingly – pheidomenos - Restraint; pertaining to what is done in a limited, sparing manner and of negligible quantity or extent.
- D. Bountifully - ep eulogiais — large amount of something, with the implication of blessing or benefit.
  - 1. Gen 8:22 22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."
  - 2. GENEROUS Life Steps:
    - a) Hearing, Excitement, Fear, Logic, Doubt, Faith
- E. Purposes - proaireomai — to choose for oneself before another thing; to bring forth for oneself.
  - 1. Luke 12:34 - Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.
- F. Grudgingly – sad regretful feeling because of what you have given.
  - 1. Grieving Heart - Grieving over giving.
- G. Necessity – anagke — out of obligation, to urge or cause to do by overwhelming pressure.
- H. Cheerful – hilaros – Prompt or willing, good-natured, joyfully ready. The word describes a spirit of enjoyment in giving that sweeps away all restraints.
- I. Able – dunateo - Efficient, productive, He will produce
- J. Grace – charis - Favorable attitude toward someone, to give graciously & generously.
- K. Abound - perisseuo - To have in excess, abundance as to be more than sufficient
- L. Sufficiency - autarkeia - Enough, competence, a quantity adequate for a purpose
- M. Supplies – epichoregeo - To defray expenses, to supply fully or abundantly, generously provide what is needed, to cover the costs completely.
- N. Liberality – haplotes - Act of generosity, generous