

# GENEROUS LIVING

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- I. **Generous** - Voluntary, uncompelled; Openhanded, marked by abundance or ample proportions.
  - A. **Prov 11:24-25 Message** 24 The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. 25 The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.
    1. **Matt 6:21** 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- II. **2 Cor 8:1-7 - Grace of Giving**
  - A. **V1** - Churches in Macedonia - Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea
  - B. **V2 - Abounding in affliction**
    1. **Trial** - *dokime* - Test; Prove the worth of, that which causes something to be true or genuine.
    2. **Affliction** - *thlipsis* - To crowd or pressure; persecution, trouble
      - a) Physical or mental distress; weight of circumstance
    3. **Abundance** - *perisseia* - To superabound, be in excess
    4. **Joy** - *chara* - Cheerfulness, calm delight, gladness
    5. **Poverty** - *ptocheia* - Beggary, hardship and deprivation
    6. **Abounded** - *perisseuo* - To be or exist in abundance, with the implication of being considerably more than what would be expected
    7. **Riches** - *ploutos* - Fullness; money, possessions; abundance
    8. **Liberality** - *haplotes* - Generosity, singleness of purpose and motivation
      - a) You can be in “great trial of affliction” and “deep poverty” and still abound in the riches of their liberality
  - C. **V3 - Our choice**
    1. **Ability** - *dunamis* - Force; miraculous power
    2. **Freely willing** - *authairetos* - Voluntary, choose for yourself
  - D. **V4-5 - Not about us**
    1. **2 Cor 8:5 AMP** 5 Nor [was this gift of theirs merely the contribution] that we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us [as His agents] by the will of God [entirely disregarding their personal interests, they gave as much as they possibly could, having put themselves at our disposal to be directed by the will of God]
  - E. **V6 - Urged Titus**
    1. **Urged** - *parakaleo* - To call, invite, “beseech”
    2. **Complete** - *epiteleo* - To fulfill, execute, accomplish

