

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – July 24-29
Doing Life Together – I Love my Church Pt.6

MONDAY: Romans 12:8, 2 Corinthians 2:9

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 8:2

OBSERVATION: That phrase “this grace of giving” is a great summary of teaching on generosity found in 2 Cor 8:1-9. The Macedonians had received this grace... and therefore they released it. Grace and giving are connected in the spiritual life... for at the root of both of them is generosity. God is sacrificially generous with His grace. We who receive it are sacrificially generous with our resources as well. Therefore, a great way to increase the generosity factor in our own lives is to focus on the grace of God. The reverse is also true. A great way to access our understanding of God’s grace is to look at the level of our generosity.

TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 9:12

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 8:3-4

OBSERVATION: A PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for the abundance of Your grace in my life. I see it spiritually, physically, relationally, materially; I want this grace to transform me. I know it shows in my generosity. Lord, reveal to me what You want me to see about my level of generosity. Where have I been miserly and tight-fisted... with my time, energy, money? Where do You want me to increase my generosity? By faith, and by Your grace, I will obey. Amen.

WEDNESDAY: Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 2:16, Galatians 5:1

KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 8:9

OBSERVATION: he God who did not spare His only Son will give you what you need for the good works that He has put before you (2 Corinthians 9:8). God also gives so that you can have the joy in your generosity when you meet the needs of others. The default of our sinful hearts is to think that we deserve God’s material blessings, somehow more than any other of His creatures.

THURSDAY: Proverbs 27:18, 1 Corinthians 3:8

KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 9:6-7

OBSERVATION: Once we realize that our freedom in Christ means freedom to joyfully obey His commands, it changes how we view many activities such as service, evangelism and giving. Like our other acts of obedience to the commands of Christ, our giving should be from a joyful and grateful heart, not from a sense of compulsion or obligation.

FRIDAY: Luke 18:22, 1 Timothy 6:19, Matthew 6:19

KEY VERSE: Matthew 6:20-21

OBSERVATION: Jesus’ appeal to trust is not based on blind faith—He shows us that there is evidence all around us. God takes care of His creation every day of every hour. We worry about whether God will give us what we need, and in doing so we blind ourselves to the evidence. You are here, breathing now, with food and clothing; and yet this s all from God’s provision.

SATURDAY: Ecclesiastes 11:2, Ephesians 4:28

KEY VERSE: 1 Timothy 6:18-19

OBSERVATION: Paul continues to describe the motivation for generosity in his next point. In verses 17-19, he compares the present age with the coming age. Step three: think wisely about the future and invest in it. If we are generous with what we have now, we are showing faith and building toward our future in Heaven. Here’s how we do that: 1. We give ourselves to the mission of God. 2. We care for those who have needs in our community.