

Stretched [5] God Wants to Stretch Your Giving

Series Theme:

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Today:

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints- ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you- see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich...^{9b}The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all contentment in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:6-8

Theme: God wants to stretch your giving.

Good news about generosity:

-It isn't determined by circumstances

-It is a way to love and serve others

-It lines up with Jesus' example

-It provides a rich return

-It pleases God when done gladly

Making It Personal

Scripture Journey NT, Ps, Pr

◇ M	Feb-6	1Cor 13	Ps 29
◇ Tu	Feb-7	1C14:1-19	Ps 30
◇ W	Feb-8	1C14:20-40	Ps31:1-13
◇ Th	Feb-9	1C15:1-11	P31:14-24
◇ F	Feb-10	1C15:12-34	Ps 32
◇ Sa	Feb-11	1C15:35-58	Ps33:1-11
Su	Feb-12	off or catch up	

Scripture Journey NT & OT

◇ M	Feb-6	1Cor 13	Ex 36-38
◇ Tu	Feb-7	1C14:1-19	Ex 39-40
◇ W	Feb-8	1C14:20-40	Lev 1-3
◇ Th	Feb-9	1C15:1-11	Lev 4-6
◇ F	Feb-10	1C15:12-34	Lev 7-9
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Memory Link: 2 Corinthians 9:7

