

## **4—Generosity in Sharing**

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### **INTRO:**

#### **I. → 2 Corinthians 9:10-13**

*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 enriched 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 the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others 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.*

#### **II. PAUL'S OFFERING FOR JERUSALEM**

##### **Romans 15:26-27**

*For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a **contribution** for the poor among the Lord's people in Jerusalem.*

### **BODY:**

#### **I. Sowing to Harvest**

*11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be **generous** on every occasion*

##### A. Whatever we give to the Lord multiplies in His hands.

###### 1) **2 Corinthians 9:6**

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

###### 2) **BOY WITH THE LOAVES AND FISHES**

B. We will never lack from what we sow into the kingdom.

1) **Isaiah 55:10-11**

*As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater.*

2) **THE LORD PROVIDING DURING THE BUILDING**

## **II. Supplying the Need**

*12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.*

A. God's heart in us is always looking to be a blessing.

1) **Hebrews 13:16**

*And do not forget to do good and to **share** with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

2) **CHURCHES SHOULD ALWAYS BE LOOKING OUT**

3) **WOULD OUR CITY MISS US?**

B. True wealth is not found in mere financial security.

1) **1 Timothy 6:18**

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to **share**.*

2) **HALF OF MY HAMBURGER**

### III. Simply Obeying

14 Others will praise God for the **obedience** that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing.

A. The first step toward generosity is keeping it very simple.

1) **Matthew 6:3-4**

*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

2) **KEITH GREEN—ASLEEP IN THE LIGHT**

B. It is Jesus in our hearts that is always looking to give.

1) **Matthew 25:40**

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

2) **BRINGING PEOPLE HOME**

**OTHER SCRIPTURES:**