

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, November 3rd

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

As a group, discuss how you can encourage one another in your spiritual disciplines, particularly prayer and bible reading.

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #350 – *The Church's One Foundation*.

Together in the Word:

1. Why are we so inclined to embrace the prosperity gospel? _____

2. Is it God's will for our lives to be healthy and wealthy? Why or why not? _____

3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:1–6. How did the church of Corinth encourage other churches to give? _____

4. Should we give to the Lord when we don't "feel" like it? Or when we don't feel "cheerful" about giving? _____

5. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1–2. What should we learn about our own giving practices from these verses? _____

6. How are we to understand 2 Corinthians 9:6? (See also Proverbs 22:9; 28:27, & Luke 6:38) How would you describe your own giving? _____

GIVING BECAUSE WE LOVE TO GIVE

2 Corinthians 9:1-6

Series #27

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Giving Because We Love to Give."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is one of the modern tragedies within Christianity?
2. The prosperity gospel says that God's will is for everyone to be what?
3. According to prosperity gospel, if you are sick or not wealthy, it is because there is sin in your life or you don't have what?
4. The prosperity gospel or the health and wealth theology has basically taken over what?
5. What verse in 2nd Corinthians is twisted and perverted by prosperity teachers?
6. What is our most urgent issue?
7. We are inclined to think that, if we give to the Lord regularly and faithfully, then He is going to bless us with what?
8. Sometimes the blessings from the Lord are what (hard to quantify)?
9. What "ministry to the saints" is Paul referring to in 2nd Corinthians 9:1?

10. Paul saw that the collection from the Gentile churches would alleviate the economic needs of what group?
11. The collection would cement the fragile bond between what two groups of people?
12. Gentile believers saw themselves as indebted to the Jewish people for what?
13. Paul wrote to encourage the Corinthians to follow through with what?
14. It is possible that the Corinthians were pulling back from their intentions to give because of what influence?
15. Paul had boasted in the churches in Macedonia about the example of whom?
16. Who would look really silly if the Corinthian church reneged on their giving?
17. Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea were the churches in what Macedonia region?
18. Paul had told the churches in Macedonia that the believers in Corinth were exemplary in what area?
19. Paul never, ever wanted Christians to give to the Lord out of a sense of what?
20. Paul fully understood that our Lord's desire is for us to give to Him because we want to give to Him and because we what?
21. In I Corinthians 15, Paul describes the certainty/glory of what?
22. The truth of our future resurrection should have what?
23. What is one of the reasons for why God wants us to give?
24. What are we stewards of?
25. What does how you handle money, time, talents, and the Word of God, indicate about your spiritual life?
26. Why give on the first day of the week? Who should give?
27. Have you learned the priority of systematic, generous, and sacrificial giving?
28. Paul didn't hesitate to encourage the Corinthians to give to the Lord in what way?
29. When it comes to giving, what is NOT the issue?
30. The person who gives to the Lord sparingly will what?
31. It is undeniably true that God does bless those who give to Him but we need to trust Him to do what?
32. Do you give to get?
33. Do you give out of love for God or out of obligation?
34. In your giving, do you see it as giving to God, or simply to some institution, organization of some ministry?