

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, November 10th

***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 and thank the Lord for the ways He has uniquely gifted each one of your group members for service in the church (1 Peter 4:10).

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #426 – *Victory in Jesus*.

Together in the Word:

1. When people say that “we must die to self,” what does that mean? (Luke 9:23–25) _____

2. Consider Acts 20:23. How have you seen this beatitude to be true in life? _____

3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7–15. Considering verse 7 alone, what are principles about giving that we should take from this verse? _____

4. Imagine that you are not “cheerful” about giving to the Lord. What should you do? _____

5. Why did Paul quote from the OT (Psalm 112:12) in verse 9? What point is he making? _____

6. According to verses 10–12, how does giving produce thankful hearts? _____

7. Why did Paul add verse 15 as a final exclamation to this entire section on giving? _____

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

2 Corinthians 9:7-15

Series #28

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“God Loves a Cheerful Giver.”** 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. Do you give for the purpose of getting?
2. Never does the Word of God promote what?
3. Rather than loving self, we are encouraged to do what?
4. To deny self and pick up our cross is a reference to doing what?
5. Who said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive”?
6. What is the word for something that was a statement not written in the gospels?
7. What makes the difference between the beatitudes of Matthew 5 and the beatitude in Acts 20:35?
8. God loves what kind of giver?
9. 2 Corinthians 9:7-15 are the Holy Spirit’s final words on what?
10. The Gentile Christians felt a spiritual responsibility to help the Jewish Believers since God had chosen what to happen?
11. Were the Gentile believers eager to give to help the Jewish believers?

12. The first thing verse 7 tells us about our giving is that it should be what?
13. Have you fallen for the lie that says to give to the Lord in a well-planned and thought-out format is somehow less spiritual?
14. The 2nd thing that verse 7 says is that our giving should not be what?
15. The third thing Paul tells us about our giving is that it should not be done because of what?
16. To say that God loves a cheerful giver means that God loves it when we do what?
17. Evaluation: Do you love to give and to give with cheerfulness?
18. God provides for us to be able to give to Him so that when we give to Him, we are just doing what?
19. The Philippians were giving sacrificially because they did what?
20. Psalm 112 is a psalm that describes the characteristics of a man or woman who does what?
21. Psalm 112:1 tells us that the person who fears the LORD with godly reverence is one who delights in the LORD's what?
22. A righteous man or woman is characterized by what?
23. Verse 10 is a veiled reference to what Old Testament verse?
24. What does God NOT need?
25. Who are the ones who are enriched when we give?
26. Rather than a burden to begrudge, giving to the Lord is a what?
27. The entire endeavor of the collection for the Jewish Christians produced what?
28. It was really difficult for the Jewish believers to accept the fact that Gentiles were what?
29. What was proof in the minds of the Jewish believers that the Gentiles had truly embraced the gospel?
30. Rather than be skeptical of or distrust their Gentile brothers and sisters in Christ, the Jewish believers were now doing what?
31. Paul's heart was overflowing with what?
32. It was Paul's dream and longing to see Jewish believers and Gentile believers doing what?
33. One of the reasons why God gave His Son was to make Jewish believers and Gentile believers what?
34. Paul thought about how our giving is a small illustration of what?
35. Trying to describe the worth and value and treasure of God's gift in His Son is completely and utterly impossible for the finite human mind and human tongue. It is truly what?