



**ENTER** God's presence

**Psalm 112:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who find great delight in his commands.

<sup>2</sup> Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,  
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

<sup>5</sup> Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.

<sup>7</sup> They will have no fear of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

<sup>9</sup> They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn will be lifted high in honour.

**Pray:** Gracious God, We thank You for the gift of this time together and for the riches of Your Word. As we open our hearts to reflect on generosity, remind us of how freely You have given to us—Your mercy, Your grace, and Your Son, Jesus. Teach us what it means to give joyfully and trustingly, not out of duty but from a heart shaped by Your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

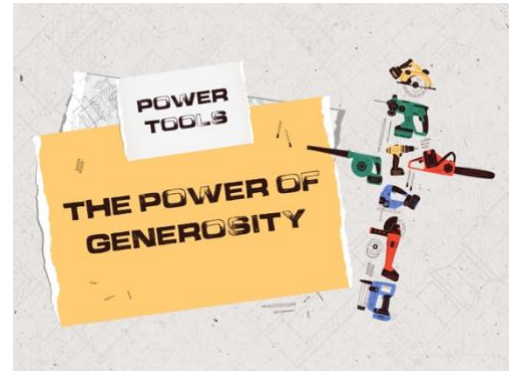


**SHARE** life together

1. What are your highs and lows since you last met?
2. What is a gift (big or small) that you have received that made a lasting impression on you? Why?
3. If generosity had a literal 'power tool' or even an electrical appliance equivalent, what tool or appliance would it be? Why?
4. Was generosity something you saw modelled while growing up? What did that generosity look like and how has it shaped you?

Week beginning:  
**Monday 14th July 2025**

Worship series:  
**Power Tools**  
#7 The Power of Generosity



**VERSE** for the week

**“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”**

2 Corinthians 9:8

(Full Text – 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 9:6-15)



**REMEMBER** this week

**True generosity results in God being glorified.**

When we think of power, generosity probably isn't the first thing that comes to mind. Power tends to conjure images of force, control, or influence—things that impose change from the outside. But in the kingdom of God, power often works in the opposite direction. Generosity is one of God's most potent "power tools," not because it overwhelms, but because it overflows. It doesn't coerce—it compels. It doesn't demand—it invites. Generosity creates space for grace, builds relationships, and opens hearts to the transforming love of Jesus.

In today's readings from 2 Corinthians, we see how generosity becomes an instrument of God's grace—something that changes not just the lives of those who receive, but also the hearts of those who give. Read the passage from 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 9:6-15 [here](#), or in your own Bible.

5. **Try to summarise the main idea of this passage.**
6. **What verse/concept/teaching in this reading caught your attention and what was challenging/confronting/comforting about it for you?**
7. **What do we learn about the Macedonian churches in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5? How does Paul describe their situation and their generosity?**
8. **What outcomes or results does Paul say will happen as a result of generosity?**
9. **There are some words or phrases that Paul seems to repeat across these passages on generosity. What are some of them and what do they say or suggest to you about the nature of generosity?**



When we think about generosity, it's easy to feel disqualified. "I'd love to be generous," we might say, "but I just can't afford it." We imagine generosity as something reserved for those with extra—extra time, extra money, extra margin. But Paul's words in 2 Corinthians turn that thinking upside down. He points to the Macedonian churches—people experiencing deep poverty and hardship—as an example of radical, joyful giving. Why? Because their generosity didn't flow from abundance of wealth but from abundance of grace. They gave not because they had to, but because they wanted to. Their hearts had been so shaped by God's generosity in Christ that they couldn't help but share it. As we go deeper into this passage, we're invited to consider: what if true generosity isn't about what we have, but about who we trust?

10. **What do these passages reveal about the connection between generosity and grace? How might generosity be a response to God's generosity toward us?**
11. **How does the example of Jesus in 2 Corinthians 8:9 challenge or inspire you? What does it mean that he 'became poor' so that we might become 'rich'?**
12. **Paul says that generosity results in thanksgiving to God and deepened relationships within the wider church (9:11-14). How have you seen or experienced generosity drawing people closer together or into a relationship with Jesus?**



## LIVE purposefully

### MAKE IT REAL:

Generosity is not about an obligation – it's a daily invitation. An invitation to invest what God has given you into the lives and circumstances of others and ultimately to invest it in God's own kingdom. Paul's message to the Corinthians challenges us to re-think how we live, how we give, and what story our lives are telling. Our generosity shouldn't be dependent on our circumstances or how much we have, but by how willing we are to let God's grace and provision shape out attitudes, priorities, and actions.

13. **What obstacles or fears sometimes hold you back from being more generous? How might God's grace speak into those places?**
14. **Where in your life do you feel God might be calling you to grow in generosity—time, energy, finances, encouragement, hospitality, or something else?**
15. **Is there a simple, practical act of generosity you could commit to this week—something Spirit-led, not guilt-driven?**

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## PRAY intentionally

- **Praise the Father**, for his promise to provide for all our needs.
- **Thank Jesus** for 'becoming poor' so that we might inherit eternal life and the riches of God's mercy and grace.
- **Ask the Holy Spirit** to grow you in an attitude of thankfulness and praise for all that God has given you and a heart that responds in grateful generosity to others.
- Pray for all of LifeWay as we grow into this next season of our lives together as God's people, living his love, sharing his hope with all, and growing in grace together.



## BLESS one another

You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or on the palm of their hand as you say...

**[Name], God has already given you everything you need to abound in every good work. Amen.**