

Grateful Hearts, Alive in Christ, for the Sake of God's World NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STEWARDSHIP 2024

2024 Stewardship Devotional Week 3: Overflowing with Thankfulness

We hope you'll be enriched by this 3-week devotional as you prayerfully consider your generosity and commitment to NPC in 2024. May God speak to us through His word and fill our hearts with gratitude and grace.

Scripture: You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:11-15

Application: In our final reflection, let's explore how our generosity has a profound impact on others and brings gratitude to our hearts. Our giving not only meets practical needs but also generates thanksgiving to God and fosters unity in our community.

Paul begins by declaring that as a result of their great generosity, the Corinthians will be enriched in every way. This enrichment is not merely material but extends to spiritual growth and a deepening of their faith. It highlights the idea that when we generously give of our resources, whether financial or otherwise, we receive abundant blessings in return.

Furthermore, Paul underscores that their generosity produces thanksgiving to God through others. When we give, it not only meets practical needs but also causes those who benefit to lift their hearts in gratitude to God.

In applying these verses, reflect on the profound impact our generosity can have on our church community and beyond. Our giving should not be viewed in isolation but as a ministry that not only supplies the needs of fellow believers but also overflows with thanksgiving and glorifies God. It's a tangible expression of our obedience to the gospel of Christ. After all, God is the ultimate giver, and with thankful hearts, we are called to reflect His grace by faithfully stewarding His blessings.

Questions for Reflection: How have you witnessed the impact of generosity on others and their thankfulness to God? How can you actively participate in a ministry of generosity and love within and outside the church? How does your commitment to stewardship reflect your appreciation and gratitude for God's blessings of love and abundance in your life?

Action Steps: What ways can you engage in acts of generosity within your community? What concrete steps can you take to share your gifts and talents at NPC? In what ways can you glorify God through stewardship at NPC? How can you make your life in the coming year a generous tribute to a faithfully loving and generous Father?

Prayer: Loving God, we thank you for the indescribable gift of love, mercy and grace you so freely give us. May we use those gifts to shine your light in the world so all may see your beauty. In Jesus' name, amen.

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