

# OPEN HANDED

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Fearless Generosity | 2 Corinthians 9:6-13

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## S U M M A R Y

This past weekend was the conclusion to our open-handed series on stewardship. We've been looking at what it means to be fully generous and rich toward God with all the resources that He has entrusted to us. On Sunday we discussed that it's usually fear that holds us back from the kind of generosity God calls us to and how to move forward in spite of being scared.

## R E A D

2 Corinthians 9:6-13

*Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.*

## D I S C U S S

Out of verse 6, we talked about the rule of the harvest.

- 1) What are the implications for us if the rule of the harvest is true and we begin to practice it?

In verse 7, Paul contrasts planned giving and compulsive giving.

- 2) What are the key differences between them and what tends to motivate each way of giving?

- 3) Have you experienced the promise that is given in verse 8?

Verses 9-13 to speak of God's mission in the world and our participation with Him in it.

- 4) What are the implications of these verses for us?
- 5) How do you think through/respond to issues of poverty?
- 6) What do you think is our responsibility to the poor?
- 7) What would it look like for us to be fearlessly generous in the coming weeks, months, and years?
- 8) What do you sense Jesus saying to you through this text? What objections/affirmations are you thinking about?

## R E S P O N D

There are two ways to make a decision. Fear can make the decision or faith can make the decision. Take time to prayerfully identify what the areas of your life where the voice of fear is the loudest.

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

## P R A Y

*Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.*

Ask Jesus to show you any area where fear is the voice you're predominantly listening to. Invite Jesus to heal you of fear and show you what walking by faith would look like. Ask Jesus to give you a picture/image/word of a new adventure of open-handedness in your life..

