

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What stood out to you about the message today? What was new? What do you agree with? Disagree?
2. Would you say you are intentional about how you give? Why or why not?
3. Do you practice “firstfruits” or would you say you give your leftovers? How might you begin to give your first and best?
4. What might you need to adjust in your checkbook for you to be more intentional about giving?



Many Christians have no _____ when it comes to giving.

Review:

- God wants us to learn _____ (detaching ourselves from money)
- We don't _____ what we have, but God has entrusted it to us.
- We should seek to increase our standard of _____.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8-9

- The church in Jerusalem was experiencing hard _____ times.
- Paul traveled around the Roman Empire collecting money for the church in _____.

Healing Our Giving Paralysis: Five Principles

1. _____ generosity is a proper response to _____ blessing. (8:1)

2. **What matters is the _____, not the _____.** (8:12)

Some people make very little, but _____ much.

Give according to what you _____, not what you _____.

3. _____ your giving and give _____. (1 Cor 16:1-2, 2 Cor 9:7)

Give God your _____, not your leftovers.

_____ in your heart what your are going to give and then give it.

If you're listening, the _____ will speak to you, don't let it catch you by surprise.

4. **Think _____ about giving. (8:13-15)**

Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32-35

We can do more _____ when we do good _____.

5. **Expect to be _____.** (9:6, 8)

Giving should stir up joy, gratitude and _____ inside you.