

# PRACTICE MAKES GENEROUS



## 6-Day Devotional

### Day 1: The Principle of Sowing and Reaping

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:6 - "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

**Reflection:** Paul begins by reminding us that generosity follows a spiritual principle: you reap what you sow. Generosity isn't about obligation; it's about investing in something eternal. Small-hearted giving leads to a small return. Abundant generosity multiplies kingdom impact.

**Reflection Question:**

- What kind of "sower" have I been lately, sparingly or generously?

**Practice:** List three areas (time, talent, treasure) where you can begin sowing more generously this week. Commit to taking action on one today.

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### Day 2: The Cheerful Giver

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:7; Deuteronomy 15:10; Luke 21:1–4

**Reflection:** God is not interested in reluctant giving or external appearances—He wants heart-driven generosity. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul emphasizes that each person should decide in their heart what to give, not under pressure, but from a place of joy. The cheerful giver delights in meeting needs because they trust God to supply their own.

Jesus praised the poor widow not for the amount she gave, but for the sincerity of her gift. Her two coins were a profound act of worship. In Deuteronomy, God commands giving with no grief or hesitation, because generosity is both a blessing to others and a reflection of trust in Him.

**Reflection Question:**

- Do you sometimes give out of guilt, habit, or comparison? How can you develop a heart that loves to give?

**Practice:** Before you give of your time, attention, or resources, pause and ask God to check your motives. Then take a moment to write down why you're thankful for the opportunity to give. Let gratitude shape your generosity.

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### Day 3: God Provides Seed and Multiplication

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:8-11 and Philippians 4:19

**Reflection:** God is the ultimate source of our provision. He supplies the seed (resources) and promises to increase it, not just for us, but so we can be generous on every occasion. The point is not "give and get," but "give and grow"—in both faith and impact.

**Reflection Question:**

- Am I trusting God for both provision and multiplication?

**Practice:** Spend time in prayer, thanking God for His provision in your life. Make a list of the ways God has provided for you recently. Trust Him to meet your needs and ask Him to show you how you can use His blessings to abound in good works.

## Day 4: Generosity Produces Thanksgiving

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:11-12 and Matthew 5:14-16

**Reflection:** Generosity doesn't end with us. It produces thanksgiving in others and points them to God. When we meet needs, shine light, and give sacrificially, people don't just thank us, they thank God. Giving becomes an act of worship for both the giver and receiver.

### Reflection Question:

- Has my giving led others to glorify God lately?

**Practice:** Write a thank-you note to someone who has modeled generosity to you. Encourage them that their giving has made an eternal impact.

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## Day 5: Generosity is Ministry

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:13 and Acts 2:44-47

**Reflection:** Paul calls generosity a "service" or "ministry" that proves our obedience to the gospel. Just as the early church shared everything, our generosity reflects the love and unity of Christ. It's not just support. It's gospel in action.

### Reflection Question:

- Who has God placed in my life that I can minister to today?

**Practice:** Identify one person or family in need and find a tangible way to serve them this week—with food, finances, encouragement, or time.

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## Day 6: The Indescribable Gift

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:15 and James 1:17

**Reflection:** Paul ends this passage on generosity with worship: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

That gift is Jesus Christ, and He is God's greatest and most generous offering to us. In James 1:17, we're reminded that every perfect gift comes from the Father. Our ability to give, to be generous, and even to have breath in our lungs all of it flows from the heart of a generous God. When we practice generosity, we are simply reflecting what God has already done for us. We don't give to earn His favor. We give in response to it.

### Reflection Question:

- What does your giving say about how you view the gift of Jesus?

**Practice:** Spend time in prayer simply thanking God for His gift of Jesus. Don't rush. Let your gratitude overflow. Then, look for a way to pass on a good gift to someone else today: a note, a meal, a donation, or an act of kindness done in Jesus' name.

**Make today's generosity a response, not a requirement.**

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