

“Give, Save, Spend”



Open It:

- What’s something meaningful someone has given you that taught you about generosity or gratitude?
- When you think about money, which word feels most natural to you—give, save, or spend? Why?
- What’s one early lesson you learned about money (from parents, church, or experience) that has stuck with you?

Read It:

-  2 Corinthians 8:1–7
-  2 Corinthians 9:7–8
-  Psalm 24:1–2
-  Proverbs 6:6–8
-  Proverbs 22:7
-  Ecclesiastes 5:10–11

Explore It:

Grace and Generosity (2 Cor 8:1-7)

- What stands out to you about the Macedonian church’s generosity “in the midst of severe trial and extreme poverty”?
- Why do you think Paul calls their giving an “act of grace” rather than just a financial gift?
- What does it mean to “excel in this grace of giving”? How does that connect to spiritual maturity?
- The Macedonians “gave themselves first to the Lord” (v.5). Why is that step essential before giving anything else?

Joyful Giving (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

- What does Paul mean when he says, “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion”?
- How does joyful giving differ from giving out of guilt, habit, or pressure?
- When have you personally experienced joy through generosity?
- The message said, “Sacrificial generosity is about the size of the heart, not the size of the gift.” How does that perspective free or challenge you?

God’s Ownership (Psalm 24:1-2)

- What changes when we truly believe that “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it”?
- How does seeing yourself as a manager rather than an owner reshape the way you view your finances, time, or possessions?

Wise Saving (Proverbs 6:6-8)

- Why do you think God used the example of an ant to teach wisdom about saving and planning ahead?
- How can saving wisely actually help us give more joyfully?
- What practical disciplines have helped you create margin for generosity?

Spending and Contentment (Proverbs 22:7; Ecclesiastes 5:10-11)

- How does debt keep us from experiencing the freedom God wants for us?
- What are some warning signs that we’re falling into a “consumptive” lifestyle?
- The phrase “Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without” was mentioned. How might that mindset help us resist materialism and pursue contentment?

Do It:

- Which of the three jars—Give, Save, or Spend—do you most need to focus on right now, and why?
- What’s one specific change you could make this month to create more room for generosity? Where might God be inviting you to experience freedom from financial stress or debt?

- How can you remind yourself this week that everything belongs to God and that we're simply managers of His gifts?