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I am not commanding you, but
I want to test the sincerity of
your love by comparing it with the
earnestness of others.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:8

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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

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And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:10

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Now finish the work, so that your
eager willingness to do it may be
matched by your completion of it,
according to your means.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:11

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For if the willingness is there,
the gift is acceptable according
to what one has, not according
to what one does not have.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:12

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Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:13

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At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality,

2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

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as it is written: “The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:15

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“As thunder follows lightning, giving follows grace. When God’s grace touches you, you can’t help but respond with generous giving.”

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Examples for Inspiring Generosity

(8:8,9)

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Examples for Inspiring Generosity

“Paul does not command but instead invites, encourages, and lays out Divine principles gleaned from Scripture. Paul hopes that they will respond out of hearts that have been freed by the Gospel and fired by God’s grace.”

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Examples for Inspiring Generosity

In light of Christ's sacrifice, **no one** can **honestly** say, "I'm poor."

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Examples for Inspiring Generosity

“If we are going to call people to extravagant giving of their resources, we need to call them first to embrace the Gospel and its implications.”

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Examples for Inspiring Generosity

“Those who are disinclined to be generous when they are poor are not likely to become suddenly generous when they are rich. Giving is related to the grace of God experienced in Christ.”

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Exhortation to
Express Generosity

(8:10,11)

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Exhortation to Express Generosity

“It’s not only about the intention. It’s really **not** the thought that counts.”

PASTOR DAVE NICODEMUS

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Exhortation to Express Generosity

“The longer you wait to fulfill an intention, the harder it gets.”

PASTOR DAN GREEN

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Exhortation to Express Generosity

“A great deal of ministry involves challenging people to align their expressed desires with their actions.”

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Exhortation to Express Generosity

“Any number of dynamics can cause a stall in moving from the first to the second — laziness, excuses, procrastination, confusion over how to proceed.”

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Exhortation to Express Generosity

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Principle for
Assessing Generosity
(8:12)

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Principle for Assessing Generosity

“There are few topics in the Church more sensitive than that of money. Any mention of giving, contributions, or fundraising campaigns is sure to be perceived by some as inappropriate, intrusive, even offensive.”

JOHN MACARTHUR

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Principle for Assessing Generosity

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Practical Purpose of Generosity (8:13–15)

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Practical Purpose of Generosity

“Stinginess has a way of expressing itself through suspicion of others and rationalizing its tightfisted ways.”

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Practical Purpose of Generosity

“Nothing makes a journey more difficult than a heavy backpack filled with nice but unnecessary things. Pilgrims travel light.”

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Practical Purpose of Generosity

“Solomon learned that affluence didn’t satisfy. All it did was give him greater opportunity to chase more mirages.”

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Practical Purpose of Generosity

“In context, ‘surplus’ does not mean whatever you happen to have left over after you have spent lavishly on yourself. Rather, ‘surplus’ refers to the resources one has after basic needs in life are met.”

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Practical Purpose of Generosity

“God distributes wealth unevenly not because He loves some of His children more than others, but so His children can distribute it to their brothers and sisters on His behalf.”

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Practical Purpose of Generosity

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**God demonstrates His
generosity through the
generosity of His people.**

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