

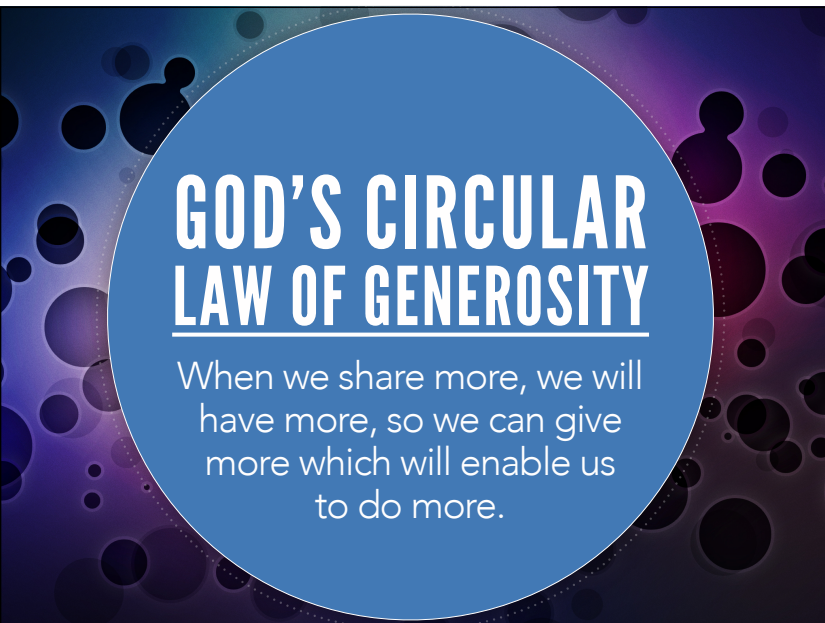


OVERFLOW

SHARE MORE. HAVE MORE. GIVE MORE. DO MORE.

PART 5

Tithing, Titus & Trustworthiness



GOD'S CIRCULAR LAW OF GENEROSITY

When we share more, we will
have more, so we can give
more which will enable us
to do more.

II Corinthians 8:8

"I'm not giving you an order; I'm not saying you must do it, but others are eager for it. This is one way to prove your love is real, that it goes beyond mere words."

{ All verse taken from The Living Bible }



II Corinthians 8:14

*"Right now you have plenty and can help them;
then at some other time they can share
with you when you need it."*

THE BASIS OF APPEAL

1 Example
the pattern of other believers

*"Others are eager for it."
(verse 8)*

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2 Generosity

the acid test of spirituality

*"This is one way to prove your love is real,
that it goes beyond mere words."*

(verse 8)

THE BASIS OF APPEAL

3 Grace

unmerited kindness of the incarnation

*"You know how full of grace our Lord Jesus
was: he was so very rich, yet to help you he
became so very poor, so that by being
poor he could make you rich."*

(verse 9)

II Corinthians 8:10-11

*"I suggest you finish what you started last year;
for you were not only the first to propose this
idea, but the first to begin doing something
about it. Having enthusiastically started the ball
rolling, complete this project just as gladly, giving
whatever you can out of whatever you have.*

You started strong, now finish well."

Let your giving be driven by principle, not preference.



GIVE

and let God sort out your leader's fidelity

Let your giving be driven by attitude, not amount.

II Corinthians 8: 12

"If you are really eager to give, then it isn't important how much you have to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you haven't."

Let your giving be driven by the law of sowing and reaping.

II Corinthians 8:13-15

"Of course, I don't mean that those who receive your gifts should have an easy time of it at your expense, but you should divide with them. Right now you have plenty and can help them; then at another time they can share with you when you need it. In this way, each will have as much as he needs...So share with those in need."

THE TITUS MECHANISM:
Financial Accountability

II Corinthians 8:16-17

"Thankfully, God has given Titus the same concern for you that I have. I'm sending him to you and he's very eager to see you again!"

II Corinthians 8:18-19

"And I'm sending another well-known brother with Titus, who is highly praised as a preacher of the Good News in all the churches. In fact, this man was elected by the churches to travel with me to take the gift to Jerusalem. This will glorify the Lord and show our eagerness to help each other."

II Corinthians 8:20

"By traveling together we will guard against any suspicion, for we are anxious that no one should find fault with the way we are handling this large gift."

II Corinthians 8:22

"And I'm sending you still another brother, who's known to be an earnest Christian. He's especially interested as he looks forward to this trip because I've told him all about your eagerness to help."

II Corinthians 8:21

"God knows we are honest, but I want everyone else to know it too. That is why we have made this arrangement."

II Corinthians 8:23

"As for Titus, he's my partner and your co-worker; as for these other brothers, they're representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ."

Your giving through PCC is not
a debit to your pocketbook,
it is a
Kingdom investment
yielding eternal returns.

The spirit of tithing is simply the
**minimum financial
standard**
for unleashing God's circular law
of giving & receiving.

*"I don't believe one can settle how much we
ought to give. I'm afraid the only safe rule is
to give more than we can spare."
(c.s. lewis)*

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"Give, and it'll be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it'll be measured to you." LUKE 6:38

MY GIVING COVENANT

Knowing God's covenant with me declares that the more I give away, the more God gives me to give away, I hereby covenant with God:

- To continue tithing my income, and giving my offerings above the tithe, to Portland Christian Center
- To increase my tithing, and giving my offerings above the tithe, beyond what I currently practice to Portland Christian Center
- To begin tithing my income, and giving my offering above my tithe to Portland Christian Center

I recognize this covenant is not a pledge, but my step of faith to take God at His word and give Him a chance to prove His covenant faithfulness to bless my generosity.

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