



Discussion Guide:

Money talks #4: generosity

(this discussion guide is designed to be used **after** listening to the talk to help with further reflection & application. You can download the talk from alburychurch.org.au)

1. Corinthian case study

The apostle Paul's letters to the Corinthians provides a helpful case study in generosity. We referred to it briefly in the talk but it'd be good to revisit it here.

When the Christians in Judea were suffering due to severe famine, the apostle Paul organised & carried out a collection throughout the region of Macedonia. (Acts 24.17, Romans 15.25-31)

• Read 1Corinthians 16:1-3

What lessons in generosity are there here for us?

• Read 2Corinthians 8:1-5

According to the apostle what is noteworthy in the generosity of the Macedonian Christians?

• Read 2Corinthians 8:6-9

What drives & shapes Christian generosity?

• Read 2Corinthians 8:10-15

What principles in generosity do we learn here?

• Read 2Corinthians 9:6-15

How is God's blessing linked to our generosity?

2. Further research

Here are some further verses beyond Corinthians to help us think rightly about generosity. (If you have time)

How do these verses confirm what we've all ready seen about generosity? What new things to they contribute?

- Galatians 6:9-10
- Ephesians 4:28
- Philippians 4:18-19
- James 1:27
- 1John 3:16-20

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3. Further reflection

Have a go at coming up with a summary of what you've learnt about generosity.

What's your plan to be generous? How will you stick to it?



It would be a great idea to put aside some time in the next 7 days to reflect prayerfully on the whole topic of money and and the truths & challenges & comforts that God has put before you over the last 4 weeks. Let's be do-ers of God's word & not merely hearers!