

Life Principle Day Twenty-Three:
You can never outgive God.

Today's Reading
2 Corinthians 9:6-15



Today's path of generosity is a unique one. Our church building and our ministries in Wayne County and abroad are reflective of the generosity of

each person that has given gratefully to the Lord and His work. Yet, it is true, "You can never outgive God." As you understand that God is the Creator of the universe, you must grapple with the fact that all of your wealth and resources come from Him. Your sometimes-difficult responsibility is to use those resources here in this world in ways that please Him and serve His kingdom.

Our reading for today gives us principles for giving. There are two adverbs in this passage that describe how we should give. Let's take a closer look at them.

1. Give cheerfully. You are invited to have the right attitude in your heart when you give. Your heart should be glad and sometimes that will spill over to a smile on your face. That kind of joy comes from recognizing the blessings God

has passed on to you and from the sense of privilege in knowing that someone else is helped by your gift.

2. Give generously. The Old Testament teaches the importance of a tithe. I have learned that as I place the Lord first on payday and tithe from my income to Him, I have been richly blessed. Indeed, we can never outgive God. Somehow, those who sow generously also reap generously (v. 6).

Have you ever seen generous giving as a blessing? Generously offering my finances, giving time in service to the Lord, and teaching others to live in God's ways has resulted in countless blessings for my family and for me. As someone once put it, "God's shovel is bigger than mine." You cannot outgive Him.

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