

REINVIGORATED GIVING



2 Corinthians 8+9

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SPIRIT OF GOD
REINVIGORATED CHURCH

Our giving is affected by our perspective and understanding of the truth about Jesus v 9

Eagerness and willingness to respond is good but we need to move beyond that and complete what God calls us to do v 10-12

Equality, plenty, need and supply v 13-15

The importance of integrity with money administration v 16-24

TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT

Why do we struggle to complete tasks?

How can our plenty be used by God to supply for the needs of others?

How can we support those whose task it is to look after the administration of money and church finances?

Why is integrity important with money?

2 Corinthians 8 v 9 - 24

Excelling in the gracious act of giving

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. ¹⁰ Here is my advice: It would be good for you to finish what you started a year ago. Last year you were the first who wanted to give, and you were the first to begin doing it. ¹¹ Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. ¹² Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. ¹³ Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. ¹⁴ Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal. ¹⁵ As the Scriptures say, "Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, and those who gathered only a little had enough."
²⁰ We are traveling together to guard against any criticism for the way we are handling this generous gift. ²¹ We are careful to be honourable before the Lord, but we also want everyone else to see that we are honourable.