



WEEK SIX

Raise the Standard

September 27



BIG IDEA

Together, our generosity becomes worship, trust, formation, and participation.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

2 Corinthians 9:6–11

Generosity is not merely about funding a project. It is about participating in what God is doing in and through His people. Buildings, ministry space, and practical resources matter because people matter. They serve children, students, families, neighbors, new believers, future leaders, and people we may never personally meet. Some of what is given today may bear fruit in lives and stories we may not fully see, but God sees it all.

As we continue together on this journey of generosity, the invitation is not pressure, comparison, or guilt. It is shared faithfulness. We began by remembering that everything comes from God. We considered how treasure shapes the heart, how eternity changes our perspective, how present faithfulness matters, and how generosity frees us from the pull of more. Now we respond together, asking the Lord, “What would joyful, faithful generosity look like for me in this season?” The visible gift may be financial, but the deeper gift is worship, trust, formation, and participation in what God is building among us.

PRAYER FOR YOURSELF

Lord, thank You for inviting me to participate in what You are building. Show me what joyful, faithful generosity looks like in this season. Help me respond with trust, gratitude, courage, and love. Continue forming my heart for all the days of my life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, unite us around Your purposes. Help us participate together with joy, humility, and faith. Use what we give, what we pray, and who we are becoming for the good of others and for Your glory. May this season strengthen our church and bless future generations. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. **Shaped Understanding:** This devotional journey has invited us to see generosity as more than a financial response. How has your understanding of generosity been shaped, stretched, or clarified over these weeks?
2. **Faithful Response:** Paul connects generosity with faith, joy, provision, and thanksgiving in 2 Corinthians 9:6–11. What phrase or idea from this passage feels most important as you consider your own response?
3. **Shared Participation:** Generosity is not merely about funding a project; it is about participating in what God is doing. How does that distinction change the way you think about this campaign and your role in it?
4. **Future Fruit:** Some of what we give today may bless people and ministries we may never personally see. What makes it meaningful to invest in future disciples, future families, future leaders, and future gospel impact?
5. **Shared Faithfulness:** The goal is not equal gifts, but shared faithfulness. How does that truth help us move away from comparison and toward a more prayerful, personal response?
6. **Church Witness:** A shared response becomes part of our church's worship and witness. What could God form in our church if we respond together with humility, joy, courage, and trust?
7. **Heart Revealed:** God often uses seasons of generosity to help us understand our hearts more clearly. What have you learned about your trust, fears, priorities, or hopes during this journey?
8. **Prayerful Step:** The final question is not simply, "What will I give?" but "Lord, what does joyful faithfulness look like for me?" What is one prayerful step you believe God is inviting you to take as this devotional ends?