

**Title:** The Generosity of Christmas  
**Subtitle:** Reflecting God's Giving  
**Text:** 2 Corinthians 9:13-15  
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**Subject Matter:** Christmas. Generosity. Giving.

**1. Reconsider** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15)

## **2 Corinthians 9**

**13** By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, **14** while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. **15** Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

**2. Push** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13)

**3. Know** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.13-14)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**. True “generosity” describes willing and cheerfully-given gifts. In what situations do people think themselves generous when in fact they are giving out of compulsion, necessity, or guilt?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 8:1-7**. How would you say you are doing in excelling in your generosity? Think beyond just your financial giving (but start there). What are some of your challenges when it comes to being a sacrificial giver?
3. Read **1 John 3:14-18**. What are some examples of loving people in practical and costly ways that bring you assurance that God is at work in your life?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 9:15**. Consider what God has done for you. What does pondering the depth of that answer do for your giving, serving, and sacrifice?