

THE OPPORTUNITY YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

Series: Grateful Hearts, Generous Hands

– II Corinthians 8:1-9 –

*One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.
A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. (Prov. 11:24-25)*

Three keys to godly stewardship. . .

1. First _____ to the Lord

**2. _____ in the face of _____
circumstances and overwhelming _____**

**3. Ask God to help us _____ in the
_____ of giving.**

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. As Paul encourages generosity on the part of the Corinthians, how would you compare his message in this chapter with the fundraising letters and appeals of today which you have received?
3. If Satan wrote down some guidelines and commands to get people to do just the *opposite* of what this chapter teaches, how do you think his message might be worded?
4. Notice again the commendation Paul gives in verse 7. How accurate would those comments be if someone wrote them in a letter to *your* church?
5. What from Jesus' example (v. 9) prompts you to be generous with your money, time and energy? What inhibits you?
6. If you were to evaluate your zeal for God in light of your checkbook, what grade would you give yourself?