

## I WILL GIVE GENEROUSLY

2 Corinthians 9:10–11 (HCSB)

<sup>10</sup> Now the One who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

The giving of every Christian should be:

1. **Cheerful**—characterized by cheerful joy
2. **Determined**—to prefer or to choose
3. **Enabled**—to be able to meet a task

For the Christians we are to be more than just **givers**; we are to be **generous givers** and this happens when we:

1. Make it a matter of prayer. *Give from the heart*
2. Know that God is not limited in His resources. *Give beyond what you can see*
3. Commit to give as God leads. *Give as God leads you*

Give without **hesitation** and without **restriction**.

**Give of your TIME. Give of your TALENT. Give of your TREASURE.**

*“Your obedience to God is directly related to your giving. Your faithfulness as a church member is a function of your giving. And your joy as a believer in Christ is closely tied to your giving.”*

—Thom Rainer

As we consider the matter of giving: **what** we give, **when** we give, **how** we give and **why** we give to the work of the Lord through the ministry of this church, may it be said of us that we are a body that is willing and committed to give and that we in our giving are:

- **prayerful** rather than **prideful**
- **obedient** rather than **obstinate**
- **cheerful** rather than **conflicted**

We give this way because of the model set before us by God through Jesus Christ His Son, who has given to us **immeasurably** (without measure) and poured out upon us **lavishly** (excessive) a freedom to salvation for the forgiveness of our sins and we are Because of the generous gift given by God through Jesus Christ:

*“We are not enemies of God, we are sons (and daughters) and we are free.”* Let this truth drive **WHO** we are, **WHAT** we do and **HOW** we give.