

A picture of generosity

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. **2 Cor. 8:1-5**

PRINCIPLES OF GENEROSITY

6 *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.* **7** *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* **8** *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.* **2 Cor. 9:6-8**

INCREASE

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **Vs. 6**

Prosperity Gospel
Poverty Gospel
Generosity Gospel

MOTIVE

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OVERFLOW

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. **Vs. 8**

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I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

Philippians 4:11

Proverbs 22:7... "Borrower is servant to the Lender"

Steps out of Debt:

- 1. Change your perspective**
 - a. Determine whose money it really is

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Ps. 24:1

b. Debt should not be a normal part of our lives

2. Quit borrowing money

a. Get on a budget. A budget is a diet plan for you finances.

3. Prayer really works

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. Ps. 34:6

4. Sell something

a. Name your dog E-bay and your cat Craigslist

5. Take a part time Job

a. Proverbs 6:1, 4–5: “My son, if you become surety for your friend, if you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger, give no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids. Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter and like a bird from the hand of the fowler.”

6. Utilize the power of the debt snowball