



# GROWING IN GENEROSITY

August 12, 2018

# FAITH



**Share:** Share your Highs & Lows of the day.



**Read:** Read the following from worship on Sunday:

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and Matthew 20:1-16



**Talk:** Study the reading and consider the background.

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. - 2 Corinthians 9:8

Generosity often stems from a faith and trust that we have enough and that God will provide for our needs. Often when we are generous we think about how the other person will benefit by us sharing our time and resources.

What has been found is that the only way that money can make us happy is when we give it away. Being generous with our time, money, and resources and giving them away benefits not only others but ourselves as well.

- Gratitude often helps us to realize the many ways that God is already providing for us. What are things that you are grateful for in your life. If you are going through a tough time this may be hard, try to think of at least 2-3 things you are grateful for.
- What are the gifts God has blessed you with in your life?
- When is a time you felt good about giving time or money away?
- Do you feel like you have enough? If not, what more would help you feel like you have enough?

## Notes from Sunday's Sermon and Worship:



**Pray:** Pray for your Highs & Lows, for yourself, for your family, and for the world. You can use this prayer or make your own.

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings: our table is richly furnished, our cup overflows, and we live in safety and security. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity. Fill our hearts with generosity and grant us in wisdom use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer Concerns to take home for this week:**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing. Mark the sign of the cross on each other's head or your own forehead and use words of blessing like:

Receive God's blessing when you are with people and when you are alone. Amen.

- \* Jesus loves you and so do I.
- \* May you be filled with the Fruit of the Spirit. Amen.

**2018—SUMMER  
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

July 8

**GROWING IN LOVE**

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

John 21:15-19

July 15

**GROWING IN JOY**

1 Thessalonians 5:21-24

Matthew 5:11-16

July 22

**GROWING IN PEACE**

Romans 14:13-23

John 14:25-31

July 29

**GROWING IN PATIENCE**

James 5:7-10

Luke 8:4-15

August 5

**GROWING IN KINDNESS**

Micah 6:6-8

Mark 14:3-9

August 12

**GROWING IN GENEROSITY**

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Matthew 20:1-16

August 19

**GROWING IN FAITHFULNESS**

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Luke 16:1-13

August 26

**GROWING IN GENTLENESS**

Colossians 3:12-17

Matthew 11:28-30

September 2

**GROWING IN SELF-CONTROL**

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Luke 9:23-26