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**Sermon: *“Stewardship of Contentment & Generosity”***

**Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

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**Introduction:**

* Discontentment is as old as humanity and deadly to the worship of God in the human heart.
* Contentment is rooted in satisfaction with God and trust in His promises.
* The one who is content in Christ will be generous for Christ.

1. **Generosity is motivated by my confidence in God’s love.** (v. 6-7)

*Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21; Proverbs 22:9*

* Cheerful giving reveals a heart which reveals a heart which whole-heartedly trusts God.
* Contentment in God’s present grace is the result of confidence in God’s power to provide grace for every future moment.

1. **Generosity is rooted in my confidence in God’s power to provide.** (v. 8-9)

*Scripture: Philippians 4:11-13; 2 Corinthians 12:15; Philippians 12:15*

* The waterfall of God’s grace into our lives yields a steady stream of overflowing kindness and mercy towards others.

1. **Generosity multiplies thanksgiving to God.** (v. 10-11)

*Scripture: Proverbs 11:4; 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

**Cheerful generosity requires a radical shift of perspective:**

* From the world’s perspective, my life and riches are mine to be spent pursuing my fulfillment.
* From God’s perspective, my life and riches are God’s for me to spend in pursuit of loving God and my neighbor.

**Because of the Corinthian saints’ generosity, the church in Jerusalem would…**

* Give thanks to God for His generous provision through the Corinthians. (v. 12)
* Give glory to God because of Gospel impact in Corinth. (v. 13)
* Be knit together in love with the church in Corinth. (v. 15)

**Conclusion:**

The work of the Gospel in your life ought to produce world-changing, God-glorifying generosity.

The one who is content in Christ is filled with thanksgiving to God. The one who is generous for Christ fills others with thanksgiving to God!

**Questions to Consider:**

1. Why does the human heart tend so easily towards discontentment?
2. What does contentment say about our view of God and His promises? What about discontentment?
3. How is sowing seed into the ground similar to the generosity of a believer?
4. How are contentment in Christ and generosity towards others related?
5. What kind of harvest might a believer expect when they are generous for Christ?
6. How does generosity potentially multiply thanksgiving?