

# God's Story™ Our Story



## Generosity

June 26, 2016

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family, in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Generous God, for our sake you became poor, so that we might enjoy the riches of your grace. Teach us so to empty ourselves and be filled with your generosity. Amen.

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.* 2 Corinthians 8:12

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

Generosity is itself a gift. God's overflowing abundance of gifts to us trigger our own desire to show generosity whenever we are able. Paul clarifies God's vision for believers: that no one may have too much or too little.

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, *Generosity*

Monday, 2 Corinthians 11:1-15, *Paul and the False Apostles*

Tuesday, 2 Corinthians 11:16-33, *Paul's Sufferings as an Apostle*

Wednesday, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, *Paul's Visions and Revelations*

Thursday, 2 Corinthians 12:11-21, *Paul's Concern for the Corinthian Church*

Friday, 2 Corinthians 13:1-10, *Further Warning*

Saturday, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, *Final Greetings and Benediction*

**What does Paul say about generosity?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Fights" and "Lows."

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What does it mean to be generous? What kinds of gifts can you share?**

**Tell a story of a time you received generosity from someone. Tell of a time you were generous to another.**

**Do:** By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Consider what gift you could give to someone in need. It could be money, food, or clothing. It could be time, a listening ear, or a ride to an appointment. Give what you can this week. Take notice of how the experience affected you.

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill your life with generosity and with generous people.  
Amen.