

Week Four | Sunday, January 29

EVERYDAY
Generosity



“Resources”
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1. **Jesus on Money:** read Luke 12:13 – 21.
 - a. What is Jesus warning to the person in the crowd? (v15)
 - b. Jesus said “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” what do you think one’s life does consist of?
 - c. A few years ago a Life Insurance Company used to promote a program called “Freedom 55”. If you can remember those commercials and that concept; do you see any similarities with the rich man’s plan (v 16-19)?
 - i. What are the implications of this for your life?
 - ii. Is it God’s plan for us that we ever get to a point that we “Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry”?
 - d. Why did God call the rich man a fool (v 20)?
 - e. “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” What does it mean to be rich towards God?

2. **2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
 - a. How do we become rich through Christ’s poverty? What is this “richness”?

- b. Read Phil. 2:5-11, what did Jesus give up in becoming poor for us?
- c. Read Phil. 2:1-4, what expectations does Paul have for the Philippians now that they are “rich”?

3. Practical Generosity: Read 2 Cor. 9:6-15

- a. If we want an abundant harvest what do we need to do?
- b. What should our process when deciding to give?
- c. What should be our attitude when we give?
- d. If we sow generously, plan responsibly and give cheerfully what will be the outcome in our lives?
- e. What action steps do you need to take to follow this pattern in your life?