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Weekly Study

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Welcome to the first week of our new series, *Kingdom Builders*! This series is all about our mission as a church when it comes to the kingdom, Stewardship, obedience, service, generosity, and purpose. These values guide us as we build God's kingdom here on earth, using our resources, talents, and hearts to serve others. As we journey through this series, we will discover how these principles shape our lives and empower us to be active participants in the work God is doing around us.

In today's world, it's easy to view generosity as a financial transaction. However, the Bible teaches that generosity flows from the heart and is part of our calling as kingdom builders. It isn't just about money—it's about a life of stewardship, obedience, and service to others. As Paul writes in *2 Corinthians 8:2*, "*In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.*"

- As this year is slowly coming to an end, What is one sentence that each person would say describes how they are feeling.**

GROW

Read *2 Corinthians 8:1-7*

This passage shows us the remarkable generosity of the Macedonian church, who, despite their severe poverty, gave abundantly. Their generosity didn't come from an abundance of resources but from a deep, overflowing joy rooted in their relationship with Christ. Their joy wasn't dependent on their financial situation - it was a joy that transcended their circumstances. It came from understanding that their giving was part of something much bigger:

contributing to God's work in the world. Their hearts were so transformed by God's love and grace that they saw their giving as a privilege, not an obligation.

Paul encourages the Corinthians to excel in the grace of giving, just as they excel in other areas of their faith. Giving isn't about meeting a requirement—it's an invitation to participate in God's kingdom work. It begins with a heart that is fully devoted to Him and recognizes that everything we have belongs to God. Our giving, like the Macedonians, should flow out of the joy of being part of God's work in the world, not out of obligation or excess. It's about responding to His grace by offering our resources, time, and hearts to further His kingdom.

- How do you see the connection between joy and generosity in this passage?**
- What does it mean to excel in the grace of giving?**
- Where in your life do you experience a sense of joy through giving?**

MOVE

Read Malachi 3:10

In this verse, God invites His people to test His faithfulness by bringing their full tithes into the storehouse. He promises that He will open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings beyond measure. This isn't just about the financial act of giving—it's about aligning our hearts with God's purposes.

Generosity is a part of our obedience to God, and it's a way to participate in the mission of His kingdom. But it's not just about money; it's about how we manage what God has entrusted to us, using our resources to serve others and advance His kingdom.

- How does Malachi's invitation challenge your view of generosity?**
- What does it look like to tangibly test God's faithfulness?**

2 Corinthians 8:7 teaches us that we should excel in all areas of our faith, including generosity. When we live generously, we reflect the heart of God, who gave everything for us. Our generosity can impact the world and build God's kingdom, not just through financial gifts but through the way we live our lives.

- How can your generosity contribute to building God's kingdom?**
- What steps can you take this week to make generosity a greater part of your life? And how can we make this a habit?**

P R A Y

As we close, let's share any prayer requests. Let's pray together, asking God to open our hearts to generosity and help us experience the joy of giving as an act of obedience. We also ask for His wisdom in managing our resources and for His ongoing provision.