

February 4th Sermon Questions Giving Sermon Series

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

<u>Icebreaker</u>: What kind of "financial education" did you receive as a child? What do you wish you had been taught?

<u>Discussion Questions</u>: Read the scripture verses above.

- 1. How much thought do you give to giving? In other words, how deeply do you consider and plan to be generous financially?
- 2. In what ways do we find ourselves tempted to serve money instead of God?
- 3. Paul writes here that "God loves a cheerful giver" (v.7)
 - I. A cheerful giver is willing. Why do you think God loves one who gives without doing so reluctantly or out of compulsion?
 - II. A cheerful giver is deliberate. Why do you think God loves one who gives with intentionality and thoughtfulness?
 - III. A cheerful giver is sacrificial. Why do you think God loves one who gives bountifully and generously?
 - IV. How would you rate yourself as a cheerful giver? Are you willing, deliberate, and sacrificial with your giving? If not, why not? Which of these areas do you struggle with the most?
 - V. How could you seek to grow this calendar year in being more willing, more deliberate, and/or more sacrificial with your financial generosity?
- 4. God is the first and most cheerful giver. How does God's act of redemption through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus perfectly display a generosity that is willing, deliberate, and sacrificial? How might this good news motivate you towards generosity in your own life?