**The Wonderful Gift of Giving – Acts 20:34-35**

**We give to God because He gave to us**

**1. Giving is motivated by love that’s motivated by love – 2 Cor. 8:3-9**

* **The basis of giving is God’s gift to us! - 2 Cor. 8:9; 9:15**
* **Generosity is the essence of the Gospel! 2 Cor. 8:9; 9:13-15**
* **Jesus sacrificed His “wealth” to enrich us - 2 Cor. 8:9**

 **2. Generosity, and a lack of generosity, are rewarded in kind - 2 Cor. 9:6**

 **3. Giving should come from the heart, not just our wallet - 2 Cor. 9:7**

 **4. The amount we give is up to us - 2 Corinthians 9:7**

 **5. One reason God provides for us is so we will provide for others - 2 Cor. 9:8-11**

 **6. Giving is a key motivation for walking with God – Matt. 6:19-21**

 **7. We should give “off the top” – Prov. 3:9-10**

 **8. Our “holding back” leads to His holding back – Prov. 11:24-25**

 **9. Working too much doesn’t work – Prov. 23:4-5**

**10. Giving to God should involve sacrifice to us - 2 Sam. 24:18-25; Mk. 12:41-44**

**11. Giving can involve partnership – Phil 1:3-7; 2 Jn. 10-11; 3 Jn. 5-8**

**12. God will take care of our needs – Phil. 4:10-19 (He notices partnership!)**