

Why do you think Paul put *generosity* on the same level of spiritual significance as *faith, speech, knowledge, earnestness, and love*?

Why did Paul refuse to order people to give? What did he want them to demonstrate by their giving instead?

According to Paul, what is the *goal* of our generosity? What does he instruct when it comes to bearing our responsibilities while helping others to carry theirs?

What does God want us to hear? Based on the passage and the questions above, what “takeaways” do you think God has revealed to you?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?

In what sense is generosity a type of spiritual discipline?

What should be our motives when it comes to giving?

How can we use Paul’s goal of “fairness” as the criteria by which you make decisions about generosity?

Why is important that no one gives under compulsion, but voluntarily according to the criteria he or she has established?

What does God want us to do? Flowing out of our reading and interpretation, what action does this passage or the Spirit’s leading, call us to?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

How have you seen God provide for you in the past – either through providing the skills needed in order to create an income, the generosity of others, or supernaturally?

What is the criteria by which you will make your giving decisions?

Create a budget that reflects your criteria for generosity.

What does God want ME to do? What is the personal application and action step God is calling you, personally, toward?