

# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



A SERIES AT KING'S COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Through this series** we'll be exploring themes such as the promise of the Holy Spirit as well as worshipping, witnessing and praying in the Spirit. By exploring Biblical themes we'll see what it looks like to live life in the Spirit.

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**Bible reference:** 2 Cor 9:1-15

## Overview

Paul is collecting money from the Gentile churches to support the poverty stricken believers in Jerusalem. The Coninthains had been keen to give but Paul writes to give them a gentle nudge to follow through on their promises. In fact, there is an intriguing tension in the passage: Paul says it is superfluous to write to them about giving, yet he is writing to them about giving; he knows their readiness to give, yet he wants to make sure they are ready; he boasts about their giving, but he does not want his boasts to prove empty. His aim is to encourage them into joyful, willing giving, so that their giving glorifies God by reflecting the way he gives - freeing and out of love.

## The new nature of the believer

- What indications are there in the passage that the Conrinthains wanted to give?
- Why do you want to give money away? (love for people and God, our new nature,...)
- Why do you sometimes find it hard? (wrong thinking, learning to trust God to provide for us, growing in our faith, fearful, ...)

## The glorious nature of God

- How do we know that it is God's nature to give? (John 3:16; verse 9, Psalm 112,Luke 11:13; Rom 8:32; Ex 33:18, 34:6; verse 13 )
- Why does Paul want the Corinthians to give cheerfully, willingly and freely? (Because that's how God gives to us, and we glorify him as we do the same, reflecting what he is like; Leviticus 27:30-33; Ex 35; )
- How has/does God's giving to you, empower and inspire you to give to others? (verse 11, 1 John 4:19; John 3:3; ....)

## The inescapable nature of reality

- What does Paul mean by "you reap what you sow" v6?
- How is this principle being worked out in your life (or how might it)? (freed to give generously, enjoyment in giving, hope of future reward, reaped some blessing now...)