

## **FAITH & MONEY: OFFERINGS**

As preached on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 9:5-15

1. We opened this week's message with a consideration of what Jesus had to say about the tithe. What did Jesus say? (summarize Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42, Luke 18:12)
2. In this week's passage, Paul speaks of generous giving. How would you define generosity?
3. In v.7 we read "*each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give.*" How does this relate to generosity? How does this work itself out practically in your life?
4. What promise is offered in v.6 with regard to generosity? How have you seen this work itself out in the world around you? In your own life?
5. What do vv.8-11 tell us about the source of all that we have and own?
6. Look at v.11. What reason is offered for the abundant riches that God has given you? Have you been using your riches in that way?
7. In vv.12-15, we're told that many benefit from generosity. Who are among the beneficiaries?
8. What does generosity look like in your life? We talked on Sunday about choosing a percentage to live on, a percentage to tithe, and an amount to save. What are your amounts? What does "above and beyond" giving look like in your life?