



Making an impact in our world through good stewardship

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Who has come to worship with us today? Doug Fordham is a member of the Church Management Solutions Team for Fellowship Pacific. As a member of the Fellowship family in BC, Cornerstone has access to a wonderful team of people who advise and resource us in our ministry.

Cornerstone is called
to impact our world
by living and sharing
the life of Jesus!



Today Doug has been helping us think about some ways in which Cornerstone can **impact our world through good stewardship**.

DIG

On December 23 we thought about the “Advent-itude” of sacrificial generosity from II **Corinthians 8:1-9**. In writing to the Corinthian Christians about the financial aid he was collecting for Christians in Jerusalem, Paul provided us with seven factors in being sacrificially generous.

1. **Poverty** - v. 2 - generosity is not dependent upon having great resources
2. **Personal** - v. 3 - true generosity is not coerced but comes at one's own initiative
3. **Partnership** - v. 4 - generosity is an active participation in the needs of others
4. **Priority** - v. 5 - first our heart must be in right relationship with God in order to be truly generous

5. **Persistence** - v. 7 - generosity must be an ongoing lifestyle for the Christian
6. **Passion** - v. 8 - sacrificial giving involves authentic love for others, not begrudging obedience
7. **Pattern** - v. 9 - the complete self-emptying of Jesus sets the bar for sacrificial giving

REFLECT

Do you tend to read the Bible verses about giving but not apply it personally?

Do you recognize your own unworthiness and yet God's amazing generosity extended to us in Jesus Christ?

In the MESSAGE paraphrase we read in Ephesians 3:20...take some time to reflect on the ways in which God wants to exceed your expectation of what He can accomplish in and through your life.

God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.

RESOURCES



At Cornerstone you can give cash or cheque in the offering during the Worship Service. Also, you can register for our **Pre-Authorized** giving – forms are at the info Center. You can also give online through the Tithe.ly App



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