

Great In GENEROSITY 2 Cor. 8:1-15 *Great Relationships* 4-24-16

What is the best thing you ever shared?

We sense that God is in this!!

1. LEVERAGE THE GOSPEL

*** Unlikely Comparisons**

- ~ What's Paul doing here comparing churches?
- ~ What lever does God use to move us toward generous relationships?

*** Jesus Gives Unique Generosity**

- ~ Jesus: From glory to human poverty so we share his rich life.
- ~ God is still working in Jesus thru generous ways we relate.

2. PRACTICE GRACE GENEROUSLY

*** Expect To Be Generous**

- ~ God is generous to you. Others are generous, too.
- ~ God is growing a culture of generosity. What about us?

*** Be Eager to Relate Generously 8:2,4,5**

- ~ Stimulate confidence to act! **9:2a**
- ~ Stir others to act in a "competition" to Grace others!
- ~ Prepare to be generous. Story of preparing to act.

*** Encourage Others To Relate Generously**

- ~ Relational touch to follow up
- ~ Stories of generous living
- ~ God entrusts more when you are generous **9:10-11** Family story

Praise God for grace that works b/c they see it alive in you!! **9:12**