

GRADUATE LEVEL GIVING
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

THE BIG IDEA

This is a sanctification sermon, not a financial sermon. Giving is what formation looks like when it touches your wallet.

COLD OPEN

Personal witness account — \$75,000 given in one offering. Not a financial moment. A formation moment.

INTRODUCTION

Define the term before the message lands. “Giving” means something different to everyone in the room.

THE FOUNDATION (4 movements)

1. God gave first — Creation as original generosity
2. Giving is Imago Dei in action (you are resembling your creator)
3. Giving is voluntary eschatological return (the salvation parallel)
4. Giving is a manifestation of sanctification — Romans 12:8 / Galatians 5:22–23 / 2 Cor. 9:7

THE TAXONOMY

Four modes of giving in human experience — only one is what God is asking for.

THE LANGUAGE SHIFT

We don't pay tithes. We give them. Language is formative, not just descriptive.