

# Message Notes

## Generous Jesus

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

**Introduction – Three Reasons why Money is hard to talk about in the church**

1. Conflict of interest
2. American polar materialism
3. Huge area of concern for everyone

### Historical Setting of 2 Corinthians 8 and 9

- Acts 11:27-30  
Galatians 2:9-10  
1 Corinthians 16:1-4  
Romans 15:25-32

Then, there's one more BIG ISSUE:

### **Today's Message ~ Generous Jesus:**

*The basis for understanding generosity*

2 Corinthians 8:8-9

#### **1. Paul is not DEMANDING giving**

2 Corinthians 8:8a

#### **2. Paul wants to give them an opportunity to see love in action**

2 Corinthians 8:8b

#### **3. Generous Jesus**

a. *You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ*  
2 Corinthians 8:9a

b. *Though he was rich, he became poor*  
2 Corinthians 8:9b

John 1:1-14

Philippians 2:3-8

c. *As a gift to you!*  
2 Corinthians 8:9c

QUESTION: How are we rich?

Answer: Ephesians 1:2-10

**Gospel Application – “Do you have any idea how loved you are?”**

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Romans 15:25-28.

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#### **Philippians 2:3-8**

Ephesians 1:1-2:10

# A STUDY OF 2 CORINTHIANS



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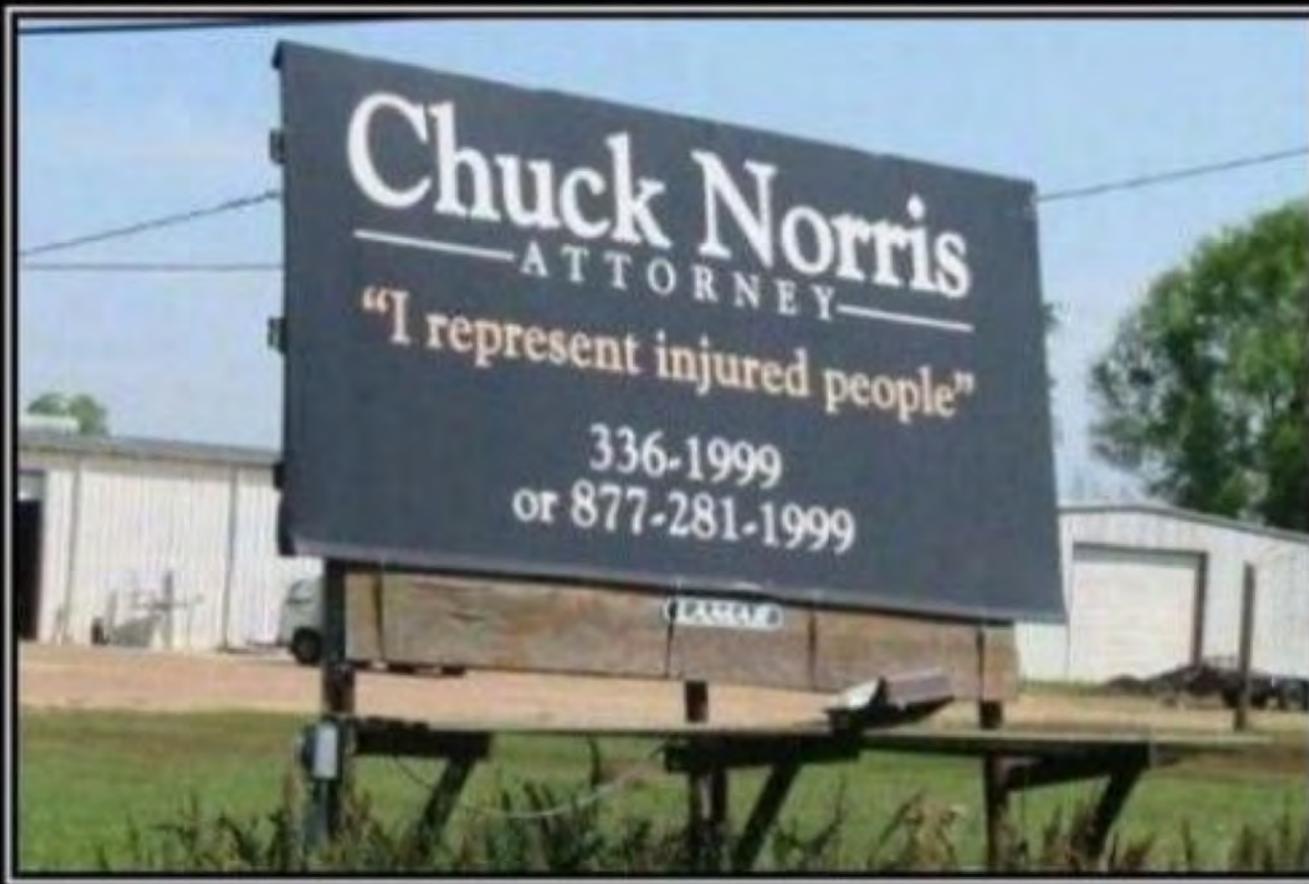
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# *Three reasons why money is hard to talk*



## CONFFLICT OF INTEREST

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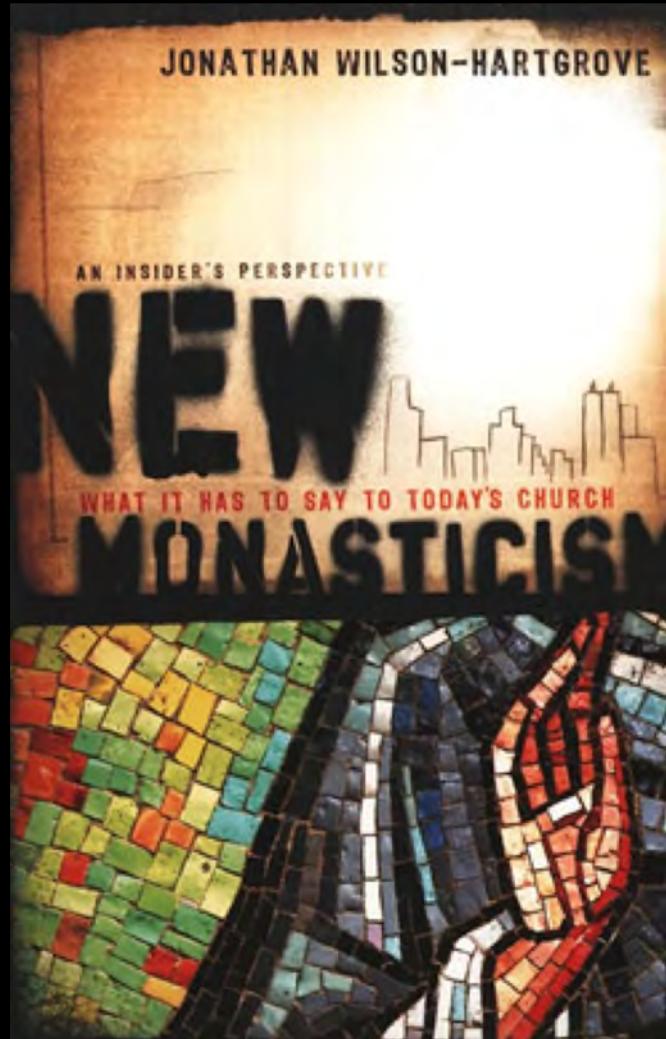
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## MATERIALISM

Spending Money You Don't Have  
On Crap You Don't Need

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### Acts 11:27-30

<sup>27</sup>During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) <sup>29</sup>The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup>This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

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### **Galatians 2:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. <sup>10</sup>All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

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## 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. <sup>2</sup>On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. <sup>3</sup>Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.

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## Romans 15:25-28

25Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. 26For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. 27They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. 28So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way.

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Jews and Gentiles  
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**Generous Jesus: *The basis for understanding generosity***

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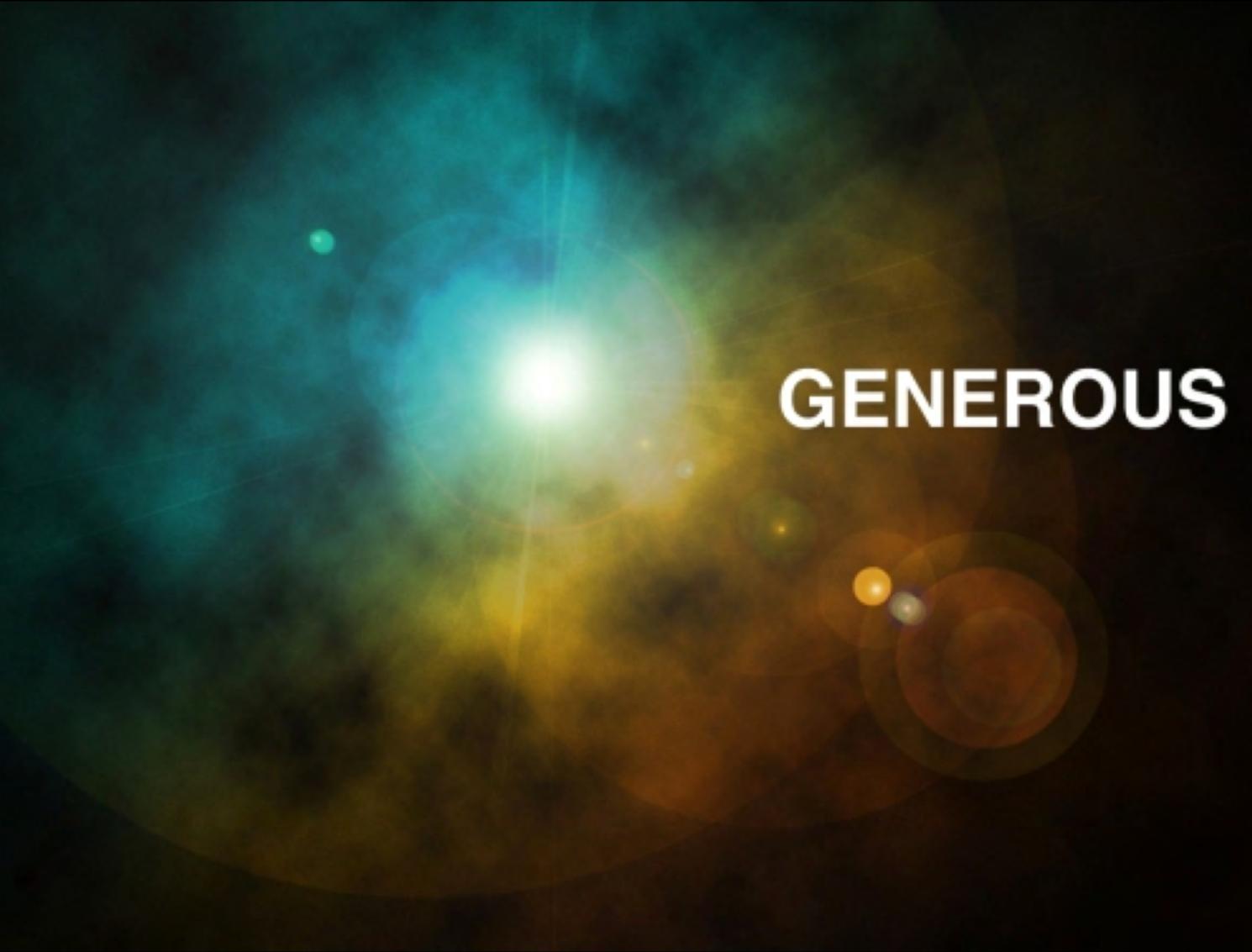


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### 3. Generous Jesus



The background features a dark, abstract space-like setting with glowing light rays and particles. A bright, multi-colored light source at the top left emits rays of light in shades of teal, blue, and yellow. In the bottom right corner, there is a cluster of glowing particles forming a circular pattern, with colors transitioning from orange to red. The overall atmosphere is ethereal and divine.

**GENEROUS**

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#### a. *You know the grace of Jesus*

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## Philippians 2:3-8

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

<sup>4</sup>Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

## Philippians 2:3-8

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

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#### c. *As a gift for you!*

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<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

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<sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup>And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment – to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

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<sup>11</sup>In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup>in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

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<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

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<sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

<sup>20</sup>which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

<sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

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<sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

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<sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

# Gospel Application

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Do you have any idea how loved you are?