

Reach For The Check

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Neglected Virtues Series

2 Corinthians 8-9

Have you ever been the recipient of great generosity? Let me share with you a few stories involving people who are members of Vineyard Columbus.

A man in our congregation has Multiple Myeloma which is cancer of the plasma cells and affects people's bone marrow. Now, this wonderful member of our church fell on the ice and broke his back in multiple places. Well, this couple has a split level house and the man could not walk, let alone climb the stairs. So people from the Vineyard came together, along with this couple's family, and reconstructed the downstairs of the house. They made a bedroom, took down walls, made a closet, laid new carpet, made the hallways and bathroom handicap accessible. They even bought new bedding to match the newly redesigned downstairs of the house.

Another family needed a car, but couldn't afford it due to extraordinarily high medical bills for their children and themselves. While they were praying for help, at the same time a generous couple in our church was selling their car. The wife of the couple who was selling the car felt the Lord speaking to her saying, "You need to give this car to a couple in need." She went and spoke to her husband, who was fixing the car up, getting it ready for sale. Her husband said, "You know what? While I was fixing this car, I felt the Lord say exactly the same thing to me." So the two couples went out to dinner. The seller of the car was wearing a big cowboy hat and at one point during the meal, he took his hat off and underneath was the title to the car. They handed over the keys and a church member's need for a car was met.

Have you ever been the recipient of surprising generosity? Just one more story.

A couple here at our church went through our great financial counseling program that is designed by a nationally famous financial counselor named Dave Ramsey. This couple went through the class because, like so many, they were overwhelmed by debt. After attending the Dave Ramsey class they decided to go cold turkey; they stopped buying things. They didn't buy anymore new clothes, they changed their diet and ate to beans and rice, the husband worked five different jobs. They were paying off a lot of debt, but despite their efforts and frugality, the debt that they had was still too great for them to even make the minimum payment on all their credit cards.

The husband wrote that he typically was the one who would flip out regarding their bills. But this time, he had an overwhelming sense of peace. He just knew that God would provide.

He went to his VC Men's group with some of his closest friends. One friend handed him a check. He said he and his wife and another friend felt God pressing on their hearts to give them the money. The husband said thanks, didn't look at the check, and put it in his pocket. He gave everyone a big hug. When he got home, he opened the check and it was for \$6000 – enough to pay off all their credit card bills. So he and his wife held one another and cried together. The experience was so unreal; they both felt this can't be happening, they can't do this.

Have you ever experienced extraordinary, surprising generosity? I could go on. I asked for stories from people who had experienced unusual and surprising generosity and I got several dozen in a day.

Let me set the stage for today's talk with a really common situation that the vast majority of us find ourselves in on lots of occasions. You are out at a restaurant, enjoying a nice meal and conversation with a friend, and then the server places the check on the table. What do you do? Do you pretend not to notice the check? Do you start moving your hand real slowly to your purse or wallet? Or do you boldly grab the check before your friend can pick it up? Do you run through a mental analysis: Well, how good a friend is this person anyway? Or I think I picked up the check last time and it is their turn to pay. Or maybe (in not very convincing tones) say, "Hey, let me help you with that." Let me relieve the stress of your internal anxiety regarding what to do when the bill is placed on your table. Boldly and quickly reach for the check!

I've been doing a series that I've titled "Neglected Virtues," those really good character qualities that get worked into our lives as the result of habitual practice. We've talked about humility and truth-telling, sexual purity, patience, perseverance. Today, in the last talk in this series, I want to talk about generosity. I've called today's sermon "Reach for the Check." Let's pray.

2 Corinthians 8:1–6 (NIV)

8 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

Let me give you a bit of background to 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. The Apostle Paul met with some of the other apostles and leaders in Jerusalem. And Paul described his ministry among the Gentiles to these Jewish Christian leaders. They were very encouraged by the reports of Gentiles turning to Jesus. They received Paul and they received his ministry. Here is what we read in Galatians 2:9-10:

Galatians 2:9–10 (NIV)

9 James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as 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 circumcised. 10 All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

Now we see the Apostle Paul taking up a collection among the Gentile churches, churches that would have been in modern-day Turkey and in Europe. He is taking up a collection for the poor Jewish Christians living in Jerusalem and Judea. The collection for the poor believers in Jerusalem has been called the great enterprises of Paul's entire missionary career. There are a number of reasons why the Jewish believers in Jerusalem were so impoverished. There was a crop failure and famine that affected all Jews in Judea. But on top of that, it is very likely that as a result of Jews turning to Jesus as their Messiah, these Jewish converts became victims of economic boycotts and persecution and, maybe, disinherited by their parents. Businesses that these Jewish converts would have run may have been boycotted by their non-Christian Jewish brethren. So their businesses were ruined. Family relationships were ruined.

We know that some of the Jewish Christians were put in prison. Some of them were beaten. A comparable situation today might be if a Muslim declared their faith in Jesus, or in some Hindu villages in India if well-know Hindu declares his faith in Jesus as the exclusive God.

So these Jewish-Christian believers living in Jerusalem and Judea in the 1st century were living in great poverty and serious persecution. And the collection that Paul took up in the Gentile churches of Turkey and Europe to help their Jewish-Christian brothers and sisters is a repeated theme in his letters. We read about the collection in Romans 15, in 1 Corinthians 16, and 2 Corinthians 8-9. Paul spends two chapters of this letter to the Corinthian church discussing the collection and the call to all Christians – rich, poor, middle class, whatever our background, whatever our race, Black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American – whatever your immigration status, it doesn't matter what our life circumstance is, as Christians, Paul spends two chapters urging all of us as Christians to be generous.

What are people like who boldly reach for the check? Here is the first characteristic of a generous person.

Generous people are thankful people

Look with me, again, at 2 Corinthians 8:1:

2 Corinthians 8:1 (NIV)

8 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

The word that is translated grace in English is the Greek word:

Charis = Grace

It is where we get the term “charismatic” from. A person who has natural giftings that make them attractive, or spiritual giftings might be called charismatic, the recipient of grace. This word charis, grace, is the most often used major term in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. Paul uses the word charis (grace) ten times in these two chapters.

Now because English translators of the Bible like to use variety for literary purposes, sometimes the word charis is translated gift, or grace. If you were raised in a traditional Roman Catholic family, or in a traditional mainline Protestant family you might have said Grace before eating a meal. You were giving thanks in word.

Paul begins his discussion of generosity with grace in 2 Cor 8:1 and he ends his discussion of generosity with grace in 2 Corinthians 9:14-15:

2 Corinthians 9:14–15 (NIV)

14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Ten times in two chapters on generosity, Paul mentions the grace of God. Here’s the simple point that Paul is making - generous people see themselves as recipients of God’s grace. Generous people recognize that all that we have is from God. Generous people don’t see themselves as self-made men or women. They don’t say, “Everything I’ve got is the result of my hard work.” They know they’re standing on the shoulders of so many people – great parents, wonderful grandparents, great teachers, a great country, soldiers and policemen, firefighters, doctors, nurses, farmers and a million other people protecting and providing for us. If you meet a generous person, someone who you say, “This person is just so generous,” I guarantee you that that person is also a thankful person.

True generosity doesn’t flow out of a heart that’s filled with duty or obligation. Well, its right for me to give. I should give. Duty and obligation will have you calculating your gift down to the last penny. Generosity flows out of an open heart that is overflowing with

gratitude because that person has been touched by the generosity of God and the generosity of others.

Friends, have you ever been touched in the heart by a sense of the generosity of God to you? How do you feel about God? I not only ask how do you think about God, but how do you feel about God? Do you feel deep down that God is generous? Here's the way Paul describes God in 2 Corinthians 9:8:

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

John Newton, the person who wrote the most famous hymn ever written, Amazing Grace, wrote another wonderful hymn about God's generosity. I want to read to you a couple of stanzas from this hymn.

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare:

Jesus loves to answer prayer;

He himself has bid me pray,

Therefore will not say thee nay,

Thou art coming to a King,

Large petitions with thee bring;

For his grace and power are such,

None can ever ask too much.

How many of us really believe these words? How many of us really believe when we pray that Jesus loves to answer prayer? How many of us believe that his grace and power are such that we can never ask too much? Isn't it true that often when we pray we believe that God is reluctant to answer prayer, that somehow we've got to persuade him to answer, show him how sincere we are, remind ourselves of the good that we did in the past day, week, or month? Isn't it the case that we often feel like we need to trade with God, negotiate with God so that he would answer this or that particular prayer? We explain to him why answering our prayers make sense.

Is it not the case, friends, that not only do we believe that God is reluctant to answer prayer, but we wonder whether his grace and power are sufficient to fulfill our needs, much less to answer our requests.

God is generous. We see his generosity revealed throughout the Bible. He was generous in the Garden by giving our first parents every kind of tree and plant that was beautiful to the eye and delicious to taste. God was generous after our first parents sinned. He didn't simply reject us human beings; he made provision for us to return to him. He was generous to his chosen people, the Jews, throughout the Old Testament

even when they disobeyed. And the abundant generosity of his grace is shown most clearly at the Cross.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

You read all these stories in literature about kings who decide to put on peasant's clothes. Mark Twain's story of *The Prince and the Pauper* where a prince decides that he is going to wear the clothes of a pauper for a period of time and go around incognito. That is what happened when God the Son came down to dwell among us. He took on beggar's clothes and allowed himself to be born through the womb of a virgin in a stable. And then he grew up in poverty. Here is God the Son, who possesses the universe, but who says in his earthly incarnation, "I have no where to lay my head." He didn't even have a home.

And he constantly had to rub up against sin all the time. Constantly in his face was degradation, all the rebellion, and the pollution. And then God the Son went further and paid an additional cost. He humbled himself to death, even death on a cross, the most degrading form of death that has ever been devised. To hang naked, after being tortured and mocked and spit upon. God the Son allowed himself to be hung on a cross in agony. You hear his cry from the cross: I thirst. I thirst. The greatest suffering of all, the greatest price paid was the loss of the Father. Towering above everything else was the cry: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? For the first time in eternity, the Son who was in the bosom of the Father, the Son who enjoyed perfect communion had that relationship ripped as he became for us sin and God's judgment was poured out upon him. God the Son, who himself was sinless, allowed all the sin and filth of every person throughout history to flow his being, becoming sin and experiencing God's utter revulsion and wrath on that sin. So great is God's generosity to us!

To understand something of what Paul means by the phrase "though he was rich", we must understand what it cost him to be gracious. It cost the Son his life. It cost the Father his Son, his precious only begotten. The one in whom he had supreme delight.

I don't know how you think about your children. I hope like me you have great delight in them. For virtually all parents there is nothing more precious than their child. And there is nothing they wouldn't do to prevent their child from suffering. There is almost no parent who would not gladly trade their own life for the life of their child. It is the most unnatural thing in the world for a child to precede their parent in death. There is something wrong about it. There is something that we internally say "no, this should not be happening."

The Son gave up his life. That is what it cost. But the Father gave up his Son. And in measuring, in trying to come up with something of a scope for the riches, what is meant by this phrase, “the riches of God’s grace,” it is helpful for us to not only examine the price paid, but also the benefits conferred on the recipient.

There is a Hebrew song that is sung at the Passover Meal, the Sedar. The song is Dyanu. Dyanu means “it would have been sufficient.” And the Hebrew song goes something like this:

God, if you would only have led us out of Egypt, dyanu – it would have been sufficient.

But you not only led us out of Egypt and out of slavery, but you led us through the wilderness. If you had only led us through the wilderness by your spirit, dyanu – it would have been sufficient.

But you also fed us with manna in the wilderness.

If you had only fed us with manna in the wilderness, that would have been sufficient, but you went ahead and led us to Mt. Sinai and gave us the law.

If you had only given us the law, dyanu – that would have been sufficient.

But you went ahead and gave us water from a rock..

And on and on and on...

And so it is that we Christians ought to turn to God and sing “dyanu” in celebration of God’s generosity to us. If you had only forgiven us our sins, it would have been sufficient. If you had only just erased the marks that were against us; if you had only just dealt with our past, dyanu. It would have been sufficient.

But you know, friends, what God has generously given us, for those who receive Christ, is not just a negative thing. It is not just “I will erase all the black marks in my book against you. I will blot out your past.” In addition, God has adopted us into his family as his children. There are hundreds of ways to conceive of relationship with God other than that we would be called a son or a daughter of God and our primary relationship with God would be that of Father in heaven.

God could have forgiven our sins and said, “okay, now you are one of my slaves and I am the slave master. Welcome to the chain gang.”

God could have wiped out our sins and said, “okay, I am the boss. I am the employer and you are now working for me as an employee, welcome to the company.”

God could have wiped out our sins and said, “I am the coach. You are one of the players. You need to listen to me. Welcome to the team.”

Or “I am your new neighbor. Welcome to the neighborhood.”

But in addition to forgiving us our sins, God adopts us as his children, and says to us, “I am your Father!”

If God had merely adopted us into his family, it would have been sufficient. But God lets us know that we are adopted into his family. Having adopted us into his family, He allows us to know that we are his children by putting within us his Holy Spirit. The Bible says the Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God.

If he had only given us his Spirit it would have been sufficient, dyanu, but he gives us access to himself. He could be a father who is too busy for his children; a father who says, “Go, run along and play. I am responsible for running the universe. I have all these important things to do. I don’t have time for your little concerns and your petty problems.” Had he only given us his Spirit, it would have been sufficient. But in addition, he gives us access to his throne at any time and answers our prayers. Where we can come before him and obtain from his hand all that we need.

And if he had only given us access to his grace, dyanu, but he appointed us, his children, to be his coworkers in this world! He give meaning and purpose and direction to our lives.

Do you know God’s generosity in your life, friend? Which leads to the second point:

Generous people are available people

2 Corinthians 8:2–4 (NIV)

2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.

Paul has this idea that if we have received God’s grace and generosity, we need to pass it on to someone else. Paul has an idea of us as followers of Christ that we are not simply cups to hold the grace of God. We’re supposed to be pipes through whom God pours grace that flows out to someone else. See, when you think about yourself, you shouldn’t think, “I’m a dead-end street. God’s grace comes to me and stops at my house.” No, I live on a thru-street; the grace of God comes to me and then it is passed along to everyone else.

This is really an awesome paradigm shift for most of us who are part of the “me” generations. What Paul is getting at here in 2 Cor 8 is that in every encounter in life there is an opportunity in this meeting to be a channel of God’s grace – to ask ourselves in every encounter how can I be a channel for God’s grace to this person or that person I am talking to? Generous people are available people.

Listen, you notice that Paul doesn’t say that generous people are wealthy people. Look at this in 2 Cor 8:2:

2 Corinthians 8:2 (NIV)

2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

The Macedonian churches that gave were not wealthy churches. So many middle class and wealthy Americans have a kind of paternalistic attitude towards the poor in our country and the poor around the world. Its like we pat the poor on the back and say, “There, there...no need for you to give or be generous. We’ll take care of that because you are poor.” Brothers and sisters, generosity is not the exclusive purview of the middle class or the wealthy. Jesus said that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” Do you believe that – that it is more blessed to give than to get? Do you think that God is going to withhold the blessing of being a giver, of being a channel of grace? Do you think he’s going to restrict that blessing only to the wealthy? To the middle class?

I mean if generosity is really such a good thing; if there really is more blessing in giving, in being a channel of grace rather than being a cup of grace, if it really is more blessed to be a thru-street rather than a dead-end street, do you think God would restrict the precious gift of being generous just to the well-off? We middle class and wealthy Americans do great damage to people when we make generosity a matter of economics rather than a matter of availability. Oh, sure, someone who’s poor can’t give as much in total dollars as someone whose well off. But that doesn’t mean that everyone of us can’t be generous with the little bit or the much that we have.

Generosity has nothing to do with our wallets and everything to do with our want-to. Generosity is not a matter of the dollars in our bank account, it’s a matter of the desires in our hearts. Don’t kid yourself by thinking, “If I had another \$10,000 or \$20,000 then I would be generous.” No you wouldn’t. If you are not generous where you are right now, you are not going to be generous if you got another \$10, 20, or 50,000. Generosity is a matter of the heart, not a matter of the wallet.

Let me apply what I’m saying to the non-monetary realm. There is a woman in our congregation who has been a mentor in our Value Life Ministry, the ministry that comes alongside of women who are facing unintended pregnancies. There is a woman in our church who has been a mentor in our Value Life Ministry for four years. She is the mother of five children. Do you think she has a lot of time on her hands that she is just

sitting staring out the window all day? Yet as a Mother Heart mentor for years, not only does she assist moms and babies, but she serves by helping them get the material resources they need; she drives women to doctors' appointments, helps them find furniture, helps them with their housing needs; she spends several hours a week caring for the emotional and spiritual needs of her mentee. She leads a Bible Study discussion that is tailored for the women and where they are at. This woman, because she is available to God, has seen women that she cares for come to Christ, connect with the church, get baptized here in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Generosity is not a matter of the amount of money in your pocket. Generosity is a matter of the availability of a person to God.

Here is the third characteristic of the generous.

Generous people are joyful people

2 Corinthians 8:2 (NIV)

2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Here is what I've observed over and over again about generous people. Generous people are happy people. You don't meet many grumpy givers. Grumpy people always find excuses and expenses that make it impossible for them to give. The people who give not just once, they can think of a story of their generosity 20 years ago, but the people who are generous as just a regular style of their lives are happy people.

This is borne out by scholarly studies. Boston College runs a Center on Wealth and Philanthropy that collects data on the super wealthy in America. The average net worth of the folks they're studying is about \$78 million. They have a number of billionaires. Boston College reports that many of the super wealthy are not particularly happy because the two things that generally makes folks happy, love and work, are often taken away from the super wealthy, especially those who have inherited their wealth. They don't know when they date someone if the person is dating them because they want their money, or are friends with them because they want to be around money. And if you've inherited several hundred million dollars, you don't really need to work.

What this Center on Wealth and Philanthropy at Boston College discovered about what makes the super wealthy happy? To a person, the very wealthy said: What really gives me joy and the one thing that I love about being wealthy is being able to give my wealth

away. The fact that I can make a really big difference in the world is what makes me happy.

After all, if you have a closet full of clothes, will another sweater, or another suit, another dress make you happy? If you've got a treasure chest of jewelry, will one more piece of jewelry make you happy? If you've been everywhere, does one more fabulous trip really matter? But making a difference in the lives of many other people that's what gives joy.

There are lots of studies about why people give. We Americans are among the most generous people in the world. We voluntarily give a higher percentage of our income than people in most other countries. The greatest percentage of American giving is given to religious organizations, churches. About a third of all giving in America goes to churches. People give because it is a way for us to express our faith. With every gift we are casting our vote for the way we think the world ought to be. We give because we are enthusiastic about a cause we really believe in. We give because we want to make an impact on the world.

But you know, one of the main reasons people give is because giving gives us joy. It feels good to give. Generous people are joyful people.

Generous people are intentional people

2 Corinthians 8:10–12 (NIV)

10 And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. 12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

Simply put, generous people plan their giving. The generosity of great givers isn't simply a spur of the moment thing, a momentary impulse. We suddenly feel a pang of charity and we reach for our wallets. People are not consistently generous by relying on pangs of guilt, or their moods in the moment. Generous people intentionally plan their giving.

There is a recent study of church attenders in America who tithe. Less than a quarter of American church attenders actually tithe – give at least 10% of their income. But of those who do tithe, here are some interesting facts about tithers, according to the latest study of who tithes in America.

- Nearly one in three Christian tithers report being debt-free. The vast majority (8 in 10) have no outstanding credit card bills.

- Only 13% of non-tithers report being debt-free and only 60% of non-tithers have no outstanding credit card debt.
- Tithers are distributed almost equally across all income brackets.

In other words, tithers are not giving 10% because they are unusually well-off.

Finally,

- The majority (63%) of tithers started tithing 10% or more between childhood and their 20's.

See, generosity is a lifestyle. And we often develop our lifestyles early in life. Christian parents, teach your child that when they get money, that 10% of that money belongs to the Lord. Christian adults, if you want to be a generous person, you need an intentional plan to give. If you are married, you say to each other: When I get paid, when we get paid, we're taking 10% of our check and giving it to the church. Set up an automatic deduction from your bank. Generous people are intentional people.

Generous people are faith-filled people

2 Corinthians 9:6–11 (NIV)

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Bottom line, we cannot out-give God. When people sent me stories of generosity, either a story of them receiving generosity, or a story of when they were generous, one of the recurring patterns is that people gave extravagantly with no thought of being reimbursed, and then they, themselves, became recipients of extravagant grace. This wasn't some mechanical thing as if they were playing some sort of cosmic slot machine with God – well, I'll put a quarter in and get \$5 out. But over and over again I heard from person after person: I just gave, or someone just gave freely, no strings attached. And then the giver became a recipient of God's abundant generosity.

Let me close with this story. One of our church members here is friends with a pastor, who runs an orphanage in Africa. This guy told his 15-year old son that they were going to give a ride to church to this African pastor. The 15-year old was a guitar player; he had a borrowed guitar with him so that he could play in a recital after church. The African pastor mentioned to the teen that he used to play guitar, but he no longer had one to lead the orphans and school children in worship.

So, what did this teen do? This 15-year old boy gave the African pastor an envelop stuffed with money; all the money he had been saving for a really long time to buy an electric guitar. He gave it all to the African pastor.

Of course the pastor was overwhelmed by this act of generosity. The father of this teen was also overwhelmed. But here's the end of the story.

After the service, the father and the 15-year old boy were walking out of church and they met a guy who was coming down the hallway. He said to the boy, "I heard you are learning to play the guitar. My daughter has an electric guitar that she played only once. I would like to give it to you." The African pastor, the member of our church, and the 15-year old stood there in awe. The kid gives away all of the money he had saved to buy and electric guitar and God gives it right back to him. You can't out-give God!

Be generous. Develop a lifestyle of generosity. Give, plan to give, and keep on giving. Be the first to reach for the check! Let's pray.

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