***Thanks-giving Theology* 2 Corinthians 8 - 11/24/19**

*How is God's giving-nature, to impact my giving-nature?*

**2 Corinthians 8:1-4**

1) We See That His G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is To Influence Ours, In Very P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ways

Our financial giving is i\_\_\_\_\_\_­\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*"In Matthew, Mark and Luke, one out of every six verses deals with money/possessions. Of the twenty-nine parables that Christ told, sixteen of them (over h\_\_\_\_\_), deal with a person and his money/possessions."*

*"Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure. Where your treasure is, there is your h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Where your heart is, there is your happiness."* -Augustine

**2 Corinthians 8:5**

2) Just As God's G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Giving Was Done Through Love, So Ours Should Be

K\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ giving is laden with love, it revolves around relationships, it is propelled by *spiritual* prosperity and is motivated by making m\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

When He is the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for your giving and generosity, having been understood through "t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -giving theology", then you get it!

It is because of W\_\_\_\_ He is, that we want to give!

**2 Corinthians 8:6-8**

3) It's Not Just About The O\_\_\_\_\_ Things We Do, But It's Also Our Sacrificial Giving That P\_\_\_­­\_\_\_ Our Sincere Love

God's giving nature could have e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with creation or the many other things He has done.

It is His gracious and giving nature that s\_\_\_\_\_ His sincere love, having given all the way to the cross. Therefore we should strive to give f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - not forgetfully nor forcedly, especially with our finances.

Our intentions, vows and resolutions are u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, without action. **Malachi 3:8-10**

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

4) He Gave-Up The G\_\_\_\_\_\_ For Us; So We Need To Give-Up Our Grip, Grind & Guile, For H\_\_\_\_

Jesus gave it a­­\_\_; so should w\_\_.

*"As long as we keep dividing our lives between events & people we would like to remember & those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our beings as a gift of God to be grateful for."*

As God has given everything so that we would be rich, may He help us to not hold-o\_\_\_ on Him, granting us the grace to give generously.

As God has been giving in so many ways, may He i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to do the same.