



## SPIRITUAL HARVEST

IN US

IN OTHERS

A HARVEST OF  
GENEROSITY

### “Harvest of generosity” – Study questions

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Share memories of harvest / harvest thanksgivings. List the reasons why we should take time to acknowledge jobs well done & express our gratitude to God for “seedtime & harvest”.

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9 & 9:6-8

i) What is the background to the appeal that Paul is making for churches to support the Christians in Jerusalem? Read 1 Cor 16:1-4; Romans 15:25-28. Why do you think Paul was so passionate about facilitating this show of fellowship from the pre-dominantly Gentile churches around the Roman Empire? What examples can you think of where someone’s *actions* have spoken louder than words, and have been a great blessing to the recipient?

ii) From this and other Bible passages, what attitudes does the Bible say are important to God when it comes to our giving and our attitude to finance? Can you think of any parables that Jesus told that explain this? What does Mark 12:41-44 teach us about our attitude in giving? Share some things you have learnt about the importance & benefits of generosity.

2. i) What *examples* can you think of in the Bible of God’s provision? What *promises* do you know in the Bible about God’s provision for us? e.g. Psalm 34:10; Proverbs 3:9,10; Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34; Hebrews 13:5. In each case, see if there are conditions attached to the promise.

ii) Look up Philippians 4:10-20. What is the context for the promise in v19? Spend time individually meditating on this promise, and then share what God has said to you. What is the link between obedience, faith & giving and then receiving God’s provision?

3. What stories can you tell personally about God’s provision? List things that He gives us.

4. Summarize what fruit (“harvest”) do you think comes from being generous?