

# Growth Teams

Week Beginning  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Going deeper

The Psalms are a collection of songs that are written to express praise and prayer to God. Ten of these Psalms begin with the phrase, 'Praise the LORD'. They are known as the 'Hallelujah Psalms', of which Psalm 112 is one. Psalm 112 is quoted in our passage. It is a Psalm about the blessings of those who 'fear the Lord.'

## Read Psalm 112

5. What different words are used to describe 'those who fear the LORD' in the Psalm?
6. What different blessings that they receive are described?
7. What hints are there that there will still be problems for them? How will they be able to cope with the problems that life throws at them?
8. Why is the quote in 2 Corinthians 9:9 an appropriate quote for Paul to use?
9. Why do you think this is a 'Hallelujah Psalm'? In other words, why is the fact that those who 'fear the LORD' are blessed a reason to praise God?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## Joyful Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (page 1163)

Space to take notes on the talk

- Generosity creates \_\_\_\_\_
  
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### Starter question

- ❖ What gift (from a friend) are you most grateful for?

### Responding to the talk

1. Which point from this week's talk do you think best answers the charge that churches talk about money too much?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
  - a. Why is the principle of verse 6 true in agriculture?
  - b. How is this principle used in Proverbs 22:8-9?
  - c. What attitudes is Paul seeking to encourage in his readers?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-11
  - a. In what way does Paul promise God will bless us? (vs. 8,10)
  - b. Verse 10 alludes to Isaiah 55:10. Where does Isaiah 55 encourage us to look for riches? (See Isa. 55:1-2, 10-13).
  - c. Why will God enrich us? (vs. 11)
4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:12-15
  - a. What two positive things will arise from the Corinthian's generosity? (vs. 12)
  - b. What positive effect will their giving have on those who receive the gift? (vs. 13)
  - c. How will this benefit those who are being generous? (vs. 14)

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

### Applying it to our lives

9. If we are feeling 'compelled to give', but are doing so grudgingly, how can we become 'a cheerful giver' (vs. 7)?
10. Someone asks you why you give to God's work. How would you answer in the light of what we have learnt from this passage?