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The Greek word *charis* that is often translated as grace is used ten times in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 and five times in today's passage. Paul uses it in different ways but all in relation to generosity. Paul had defended his ministry and in chapter eight he moved on to a special request. He wanted the Corinthian church to be faithful to their commitment to financially helping the church in Jerusalem. They had agreed to do so, however, they did not follow through. He uses two examples and ample directions to motivate them to finish what they started. The examples and principles he shared should motivate us to be generous as well. What can we learn about generosity from today's passage?

1. Generosity is _____, especially _____ generosity.

2. Generosity should be motivated by the grace _____
_____ has _____ upon us.

3. Faithfulness in generosity leads to _____ and increased _____ in God.