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**2. Joyful generosity is abundantly joyful.**  
...that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. 2 Cor. 8:2

**3. Joyful generosity is personally sacrificial.**  
For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord. 2 Cor. 8:3  
  
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. 2 Cor. 8:9

**4. Joyful generosity is completely voluntary.**  
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**Application:**

- Are you practicing joyful generosity in your giving?
- Give yourself to the Lord before you give your financial offerings.
- Financial giving expresses trust that God will provide for you.

