

## 2 Cor 9:12-15 – Generosity is Infectious **Go4th**

End of October – season for infections – maybe cold or flu. Sad news of mad cow disease 10 days ago.

- Not all infections bad – other things are infectious – laugh, yawn.
- Also generosity – end of series – RECAP

Draw this series to a close with one final biblical principle – **generosity spreads.**

Context of passage – collection for poor Xns living in and around Jerusalem (NB revolutionary – pre charity and welfare state)

*Paul reminds Corinthians of how generosity spreads and multiplies the blessing – 3 forms of infection:*

- **Thanksgiving** (v12) – to God not to us!
- **Witness** (v13) – credibility of the gospel meaning others will praise God too
- **Prayer** – may not be able to give financially at present but can return the blessing through prayer

Actually one other – often people who have received generosity are themselves prompted to give – which is true for us too, as we have received God’s generosity to us, which is ultimate basis for our generosity.

So as draw to a close, may we resolve to continue being generous in every way – with our time, our talents and our money. Last week the promise was that God always repays. Here there is one final promise – generosity is infectious – now that’s one infection worth spreading!