

Generosity: Scrooge v. Onesiphorus

2 Timothy 1:16-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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Having just come through the Christmas season, we each had special opportunity to give, opportunity to be generous. How did we do? Was Jesus glorified by our gift-giving approach?

Let's broaden this thought . . .
Is Jesus glorified by how we approach the whole concept of generosity?

To help us wrestle with this, let's contrast two people -- one fictional and well-known and the other real, yet, relatively unknown: Scrooge and Onesiphorus.

*Scrooge was stuck in **fear** which enslaved him to greed.*

*Onesiphorus **trusted** Jesus so he was free to give.*
2 Timothy 1:16-18

When you are trusting Jesus, you will be free to give!
Your giving will be:

↪ Not **sparing** but **generous**

2 Corinthians 9:6

↪ Not **reluctant** but **chosen**

2 Corinthians 9:7a

↪ Not **resentful** but **cheerful**

2 Corinthians 9:7b

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that in all things at all times, having all that you need,
you will abound in every good work.*

2 Corinthians 9:8

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