



## Monthly Meditation

January, 2025

### Monthly Theme

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“Give it with love!”

### Scripture

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2 Corinthians 9:6-7

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

### Reflection

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1. Read the passages aloud and then one more time, slowly and thoughtfully.
2. Reflect on what word or phrase from these words of Jesus stand out to you.
3. Read the passages once more, slowly and thoughtfully.
4. What do you feel the Lord is trying to tell you in this word or phrase?

## Discussion

1. What word or phrase from this scripture passage stands out to you? Why?
2. Do you find it sometimes hard to give to others of your time, talent and treasure?
3. When you give of your time, talent or treasure, do you feel like you do it mainly from obligation or out of love?
4. What are some of the barriers that prevent you from giving to others?
5. What are some ways that you can try to work toward overcoming the barriers that prevent you from giving to others?

## Action

This month, find a way to give some of your time to someone you know who might be struggling, and do it out of love and not out of obligation.

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve,  
To give and not to count the cost,  
To fight and not to heed the wounds,  
To toil and not to seek for rest,  
To labor and not to seek reward,  
Except that of knowing that I do your will.  
Amen.

*- Prayer for Generosity by St. Ignatius of Loyola*