

 How do we develop into a generous person like Jesus rather than being like Scrooge?

First, generosity requires a ______ decision.

Vs. 15

"Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

• The word "purpose" means "to choose for oneself."

Second, generosity must become a _____. Vs. 10, 16

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do you. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Third, generosity must come from _____ in you.

Vs. 13

 Only Christ working in us can bring the ability to shed our natural ______ tendencies.

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might be rich." **2 Corinthians 8:9**

Generosity is the normal and natural _____ of a person that is walking in a close relationship with Jesus Christ.