2 Corinthians 8:8-12 (The Message)

8-9 I'm not trying to order you around against your will. But by bringing in the Macedonians' enthusiasm as a stimulus to your love, I am hoping to bring the best out of you. You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich.

10-12 So here's what I think: The best thing you can do right now is to finish what you started last year and not let those good intentions grow stale. Your heart's been in the right place all along. You've got what it takes to finish it up, so go to it. Once the commitment is clear, you do what you can, not what you can't. The heart regulates the hands.

Sermon Notes

Transformation Journal – November 23, 2014

Use this daily Transformation Journal to spend time reading Scripture. Pray before you begin and ask God to bless you with insight and discernment as you ponder and respond to the questions, which are tools for your spiritual growth.

Monday: **Psalm 92:1-8**
List the incredible attributes and actions of God that the psalmist mentions. What are you most thankful to God for today?

Tuesday: **Luke 7:40-47**
How did the woman show her love and gratitude to Jesus?
How do you show your love and gratitude to Jesus?

Wednesday: **2 Corinthians 9:6-11**
Gratitude shows itself in our outward actions. Giving shows honor to God, who gives generously, and shows love for others, as we share what we have been given.
Does your attitude toward giving honor God, and share love for others?

Thursday:
"Gratitude is the attitude which enables us to receive the hidden gifts of those we want to serve and to make these gifts visible to the community as a source of celebration." -Henri Nouwen
How are you celebrating gratitude today?

Friday: **Philippians 4:10-13**
What does Paul say is the secret to being content?
What is your experience with being content?

Saturday: **Hebrews 13:5-6**
Are you content with what you have in life?
What, if anything, do you think would make you more content?