



Learning to Give As We Ought

(Part 4)

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Psalms 112; Galatians 6:6-10

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- (Part 1: 2 Corinthians 8:1-8) - The Macedonian Example – because of **GRACE**.
 - Giving generously despite circumstances
 - The Macedonian Secret
- (Part 2: 2 Corinthians 8:9) - The **GRACE** of Our Lord Jesus Christ
★ “for your sake”
- (Part 3: 2 Corinthians 8:10-9:5) - Good Stewards and Examples for Others
- Giving is all a matter of **GRACE**. Grace is God’s great kindness abundantly poured out on us undeserving sinners. This **GRACE** changes us into **GIVING** new creatures.

The Indescribable Gift (v. 15)

- (Romans 8:32) God gave His Son and gives us all things!
- (John 3:16-17) God gave His Son and we have eternal life.
- (Galatians 2:20) God gave His Son.
- (1 John 4:9-10) God sent (gave) His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Give And It Shall Be Given to You

- God’s principle in giving: You cannot out give Me!
- (Luke 6:38) Give, and it will be given to you . . . running over will be put into your bosom.

- (Proverbs 11:24) “There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there in one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty.”
 - (ESV) “One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.”
 - (NET) “One person is generous and yet grows more wealthy, but another withholds more than he should and comes to poverty.”
 - (NIV) “One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.”
 - (NLT) “Give freely and become wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.”
- (Proverbs 11:25) “A generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.”
- (Proverbs 22:9) “He who has a generous eye will be blessed . . .”
- (Malachi 3:10) Bring your tithe and watch Me, the LORD of hosts, pour out blessings on you!
- ★ WE GIVE NOT TO GET SOMETHING BUT GETTING SOMETHING IS A BENEFIT THAT COMES WITH GIVING!

God’s Principles of Giving (vv. 6-11)

- ① (v. 6) More equals more! The more seed a farmer sows the more he will reap. The more money we invest the more return we will receive.
- ② (v. 7) Purposeful! προαιρέομαι (προαιρέω) proaireomai {pro-ah-ee-reh'-om-ah-ee} - has the idea of planning, systematic, determined giving. A farmer who plans will most likely reap more than the one who does not.
- ③ (v. 7) Cheerful! Cheerfulness comes from the heart, not from outside coercion! “Out of the heart . . .” (Matthew 12:34-35; 15:18-19; Luke 6:45) Cheerfulness is the opposite of grudgingly or under compulsion or necessity. **God loves a cheerful giver.** “Cheerful” is ἰλαρός hilaros {hil-ar-os'} which we get our English word “hilarious” – extremely happy and joyful.
 - ★ The Corinthians were cheerful givers because Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, which he wrote from Corinth, that “it **pleased** the churches of Macedonia **and Achaia**” to gift to the saints in Jerusalem.
- ④ (v. 8) GOD IS ABLE to ABOUND! Notice: **all** grace **abound, always**, in **all** things. God will always abundantly supply all of our needs **for** every good **work!** (Philippians 4:19)

- ★ “sufficiency” is αὐτάρκεια *autarkeia* {ow-tar'-ki-ah} means “a perfect condition of life in which no aid or support is needed”; “sufficiency of the necessities of life”; “a mind contented with its lot”; “contentment”.
- ⑤ (v. 9) Giving builds Christian character. Paul quotes Psalm 112:9. The Psalm is about a man who has no fears because he **delights** in living God’s way. We never earn righteousness but God uses our giving to develop who we ought to be.
- ⑥ (v. 10) Give and you will have more to give. The more a farmer sows the more seed he will have for the next harvest. Paul now alludes to Isaiah 55:10-11 and Hosea 10:12. Paul echos these truths in Galatians 6:7-10. We reap what we sow.
- ⑦ (v. 11a) Christian giving will “enrich” your life!

Results of Our Giving (vv. 11-13)

- Thanksgiving is offered to God. Those blessed by our giving will offer up praises of thanksgiving to God.
- The Corinthians’ offering was sufficient to meet all the needs of the saints in Jerusalem resulting in many praises of thanksgiving offered up by those who were the recipients of the gift.
- This gift provided **proof** of the Corinthians’ salvation. Jews were skeptical of Gentiles becoming Christians – especially those from a place like Corinth. There **obedience** was evidence of their “confession to the gospel of Christ.” (James 1:22; James 2:14-26)
- Because of their **obedience** God was glorified!! Consider Matthew 5:16!
- Prayers were offered **for them** by those who had received their gift.

What Must We Do

- ① (Matthew 10:8) Freely you have received, freely give. Practice GRACE giving – you will never be disappointed.
- ② (Malachi 3:10) Test God. Prove the will of God! (Romans 12:2)
- ③ Give purposefully, deliberately, systematically and spontaneously.
- ④ Give for the glory of God!!! (1 Corinthians 10:31) By being OBEDIENT!

