

Giving is Worship

GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE



2 Corinthians
9:6-15

Rationale for Giving: How to Give

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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How Should Saints Give?

Bountifully, 6 (like sowing seed, more returns)

Deliberately, 7

Not reluctantly

Not under pressure

(Not manipulatively, greedily, 5)

Cheerfully, with joy

Resources for Giving

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

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Will God Provide For You?

- God is able to make all grace about to you, 8
- He has distributed freely, 9
- He who supplies seed and bread, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing 10
- You will be enriched in every way, 11

Are You Content?

- How much is enough? Stream or swamp?
- God makes *all grace abound* to you, so that...
 - Having ALL CONTENTMENT, having enough
 - In all things
 - At all times

Why Do You Have Resources?

- So that you may abound in every good work? 8
- He will increase the harvest of your righteousness, 10
- You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, 11

Results of Giving

2 Corinthians 9:11b-14

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Your Giving Affects Others

- They will thank God, 11b, overflowing in many thanksgivings to God, 12
- Their needs will be supplied, 12a
- They will glorify God, 13
- They will love you (long for you), 14
- They will pray for you, 14

Your Giving Reveals Your Priorities

- It is a way to submit to the leading of God, 13
- It flows from your confession of the gospel of Christ, 13
- Your generosity is first to the saints and then to all others, 13 (Gal 6:10)

Your Giving Is Focused On God

- Thanks to God, 11b
- The ministry (deaconing) of this liturgy, 12
- Glory to God, 13a
- Prayers to God, 14a
- Grace of God upon His servants, 14b

Rejoice in God's Giving

2 Corinthians 9:15

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God Loved. So He Gave.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift

- What words describe your giving?
- What does your giving reveal about your deep beliefs?
- How can you cultivate a heart for the needs of others?

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