

## GUIDELINES FOR GOSPEL GIVING

### II Cor 9:7

#### I. **How** to give

##### A. NOT

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Lit: "of grief": guilt

2. Under \_\_\_\_\_

Duty, as if paying a bill

##### B. BUT RATHER

1. Choosing \_\_\_\_\_ **in** your heart

As a steward, you acknowledge His ownership

As you are faithful in small things, He can trust you with more  
(Matt 25:14-30)

2. Cheerfully, with \_\_\_\_\_ your heart

Greek: "hilaros": hilarious, exhilarating

A response to God's grace of

## II. **Why** to give

A. You will \_\_\_\_\_ yourself spiritually: v6, 10-11

B. You will benefit others who will \_\_\_\_\_ God: v11-13

Refers here specifically to benefiting the poor, but can also apply to Ministry Budget, deacons, Sandtown, Missions, Facility for Gospel ministry

C. It \_\_\_\_\_ **God**: v7b

“God **loves**...”

Cf. II Sam 24:24

D. \_\_\_\_\_ to God for His \_\_\_\_\_:

1. General provision to you: v8

It is a way of saying “I trust You”

2. Gift of His own Son who gave **all** for you (8:9)

It is a way of saying “I love You”

Giving sacrificially makes me think of Jesus and His sacrifice for me.  
And that makes me happy!