

GOD'S PROMISES & BENEFITS WHEN GRACE-GIVING (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

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1. God promises that you will _____ to the degree that you _____; so sow _____ in your giving and reap _____ because of it – but this takes _____. (2 Cor. 9:6) *But this I say* {this is the point or promise}: *He who sows sparingly* {in his giving} *will also reap* {as a promise – future, active, indicative} *sparingly, and he who sows bountifully* {generously} *will* {as a promise} *also reap bountifully* {generously}. Paul is quoting Prov. 11:24,25; see also Prov. 19:17; Luke 6:38; Gal. 6:7. What is the point to remember? But also, what must we guard against here?

2. God promises that He _____ a _____ giver; so you need to GIVE as you have _____ in your heart – but this takes _____. (2 Cor. 9:7) *So* {in view of these promises and by way of application} *let each one* {as giving is an individual response for all believers} *give as he* {not the church or pastor but the individual} *purposes* {decides; preplans} *in his heart* {as he ponders and prays about these matters}, *not grudgingly* {the manner - not out of grief, sorrow, reluctance, regret, painful obligation} *or of necessity* {the motive - out of a sense of duty or compulsion}; *for God loves* {agapes} *a cheerful* {cheerful, joyous, delighted} *giver* {not one who simply *intends* to give}. Was this designed to discourage giving?

• What are some of the *wrong motives* for grace-giving to the Lord and others?

- 1) To be seen of _____ and impress _____ or others {Matt. 6:1-4}
- 2) _____ {2 Cor. 9:4}
- 3) Out of _____ {2 Cor. 9:5}
- 4) _____ {2 Cor. 9:7}
- 5) _____ {1 Cor. 16:2-4}
- 6) _____ {2 Cor. 8:3,12}
- 7) Expecting something _____ from people {Lk. 14:12-14}

• What are some of the *right motives* for grace-giving?

- 1) _____ as unto the Lord {2 Cor. 8:1-5}
- 2) _____ for Jesus Christ {2 Cor. 5:14-15}
- 3) _____ for others {2 Cor. 8:8, 24}
- 4) To meet a _____ of others {2 Cor. 9:12}
- 5) A desire to further _____ & the work of the Lord {1 Cor. 15:58-16:4; Phil. 4:14-19}
- 6) To _____ {2 Cor. 5:9; 2 Cor. 9:7}
- 7) To _____ God. {1 Cor. 10:31; 2 Cor. 9:13}

• If God loves the world - and He does (John 3:16), and no one and nothing can separate the believer from His love - and they can't (Romans 8:38-39), in what sense does God love a "cheerful giver"?

3) God promises to meet _____ by His abundant grace provisions as you graciously give as unto Him – but this takes _____. (2 Cor. 9:8-9) *And God is able* {present, active, indic. of dunateo – is able, is powerful} *to make all* {all or every} *grace* {His undeserved blessings and provisions}

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abound {superabound, overflowing - 8:2 (2x),8:7 (2x), 8:14 (2), 9:8, 14} *toward you* {context - when believers grace-give as unto Him} *that* {hina - introduces a purpose clause} *you* {believers who give}, *always* {at all times} *having all* {all or every} *sufficiency* {a condition where every need is met} *in all things, may have an abundance* {superabundance} *for every good work* {including grace-giving - Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8,14}. **9** *As it is written* {quote - Psalm 112:9}: "***He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor*** {penes - not ptochos; one who must toil daily to scrape by to meet his needs}; ***His righteousness*** {righteous character expressed in his generous giving} ***endures forever*** {with eternal implications}." What is emphasized here that should encourage you greatly?

The PROJECTED BENEFITS when Grace-Giving. (9:10-14)

1. God can use your grace-giving to _____ to others and _____ your own spiritual life (9:10) – but this takes _____. (2 Cor. 9:10-11) *Now may He* {God} *who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food* {allusion to Isa. 55:10}, *supply* {supply; provide - optative mood} *and multiply* {multiply, increase - optative mood} *the seed you have sown* {through your grace-giving to others} *and increase* {optative} *the fruits of your righteousness* {alluding back to Ps. 112:9 & Hosea 10:12}, **11** *while you are* {being - passive voice} *enriched* {by God practically while you are giving} *in everything for all liberality* {generosity - we are blessed to be a blessing to others}, *which* {generous grace-giving} *causes* {causes or produces a crop of} *thanksgiving* {eucharista} *through us* {the instruments or distributors} *to God* {acknowledging God is the ultimate source and means of grace to make it all happen}. What should we remember from this about sowing and reaping in our grace-giving?
2. God can use your grace-giving as a _____ resulting in _____ of other believers and offering of _____ to God by the benefitted recipients – but this takes _____. (2 Cor. 9:12) *For* {hoti - because of} *the administration of this service* {the collection is viewed as a priestly service given in worship to God} *not only supplies the needs* {not wants} *of the* {Jewish} *saints* {the poor believers in Judea}, *but also is abounding* {overflowing} *through many thanksgivings* {eucharistas} *to God* {acknowledging God is the ultimate source & reason of all this}.
3. God can use your grace-giving for others to then _____ by you being a living _____ of the transforming power of God's grace consistent with the _____. (9:13) *while, through the proof* {evidence; proven character} *of this ministry* {this service of grace-giving}, *they* {those who are recipients of your giving - Jewish believers, whom the Gentiles in many cases did not naturally like, and even Jewish & Gentile believers had reservations} *glorify* {to praise, extol, magnify} *God* {acknowledging that God is the ultimate source and reason for all this} *for* {epi – upon observing} *the obedience* {submission flowing} *of* {from} *your* {these largely Gentile believers} *confession* {verbal proclamation and living proof} *to the gospel of Christ* {which demonstrated undeserved favor and blessing because of Jesus Christ to those who deserved the opposite and made both Jewish and Gentile believers one in Christ}, *and for your liberal* {generous} *sharing* {participation in the collection} *with them* {these Jewish saints} *and all men* {believers & unbelievers alike}.
4. God can use your grace-giving to engender the reciprocation of _____ for you – but this takes _____. (2 Cor. 9:14a) *and by their prayer for* {huper – on your behalf} *you*. Does this actually happen?

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5. God can use your grace-giving to practically _____ fellow-believers in Christ because of what the _____ which God has done _____ – but this takes _____.
(2 Cor.9:14b) *who long for you because of the exceeding* {exceeding, surpassing, extraordinary} *grace of God* {where the credit again needs to go} *in* {Phil. 2:13} *you*. What does Paul highlight again for us?

The PRAISE to GOD for Grace-Giving: _____ {charis} **be to** ___ **for His** _____ **! (9:15)**
When you grace-give, it is _____ and reminds us of what God has given to us in _____!