



Our Great Provider and His Inexpressible Gift

2 Corinthians 9:6-15
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The Big Idea: The level of our generosity is a reflection and a by-product of a deeper work of the Lord on our hearts. God's grace touches and changes us, joy and gratitude rise up, and generosity grows as we learn to excel in giving to the Lord and to others.



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⁹ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever." [Psalm 112:9]

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift.

John Piper: What our hands do with our money shows what our hearts are doing with God.

Giving Reveals the Loves of Our Heart: [Remember Jesus' words that where our treasure is, there is our heart.]

- We love the Lord who blesses us with His "inexpressible gift" of Jesus and salvation. He blesses also with material blessings such as income, a bed, a home, food on the table, and a hundred other ways.
- We love the poor and reach out to help those in desperate circumstances.
- We love the lost and the people who have no chance to hear the greatest news in the world, so we support missionaries.
- We love the church, the body of Christ, the family of God. And so we support its leaders and its ministries.

The Uncomplicated Guidelines of Giving that Glorifies God

- Give **Generously**
 - Like a farmer; the Lord promises to supply to those willing to give it away
 - Exodus 35-36
- Give **Cheerfully**
 - We must never turn giving into something we resent because we're being forced to do it.
 - Remember, generosity flows out of deep joy!

"We have tried stinginess, Lord, and it didn't work.
Teach us to be generous."

- Ray Pritchard
