



2 Corinthians 8:16-9:15
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Part II

Motives for Giving: (1) Example of Others

(2) Grace of God

I. Godly Giving Requires **Accountability**

for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. 2 Corinthians 8:21

II. Godly Giving is Not from **Pressure**

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. 2 Corinthians 9:5

III. Godly Giving is **Rewarded**

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3:10-11

"give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

Principles to consider regarding rewards:

A. They are not typically **immediate**.

B. They are not separate from **my attitude**.

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**.* 2 Corinthians 9:7

C. They are not to **stockpile riches**.

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 . . . You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:8, 11

D. They are not only **financial**.

*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**.* 2 Corinthians 9:10

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, 2 Corinthians 9:13

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21