

Sermon Notes | 2 Corinthians 9

Practical effects of Giving like God

I. Giving Inspires (v.1-5)

Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the **ministry for the saints**, ² for I know your **readiness**, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, ... **your zeal has stirred up most of them**. ³ But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be **ready**, as I said you would be. ... **ready** as a **willing gift**, not as an exaction.

II. Giving Reaps Abundantly (v.6)

⁶ 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**.

Proverbs 11:24 "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."

Matthew 13:22 "deceitfulness of wealth will choke out the word...unfruitful."

Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ."

Matthew 19:29 "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life."

III. Giving Lets You Give More (v.8-11a)

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." 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,

IV. Giving Makes Others Praise God (v.11b-15)

¹¹ ... 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** ...

IV. Giving Makes Others Praise God (v.11b-15)

¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Big Idea- Give like God.

Discussion Questions | 2 Corinthians 9

Read 2 Corinthians 9:1–5

- Whose generosity has inspired you?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–7

- Why does God love a cheerful giver?
- What have you reaped through your experience of giving?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:8–11

- What are your giving goals in life?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:12–15

- How have you seen someone's generosity cause others to praise God?
- How do you need to grow to become more like your heavenly Father?