

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Galatians 6:7)

SOW SPARINGLY, REAP SPARINGLY

“There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; And there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.” (Proverbs 11:24)

SOW BOUNTIFULLY, REAP BOUNTIFULLY

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6:38)

Quote: Giving is not a debt you owe, but it is a seed you sow

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.” (Isaiah 55:8)

B. The _____ of a giver verses 7-8

FIVE PRACTICES OF EFFECTIVE GIVERS

1. Plan prayerfully
2. Give cheerfully
3. Participate systematically (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
4. Participate proportionately
5. Wait expectantly (Philippians 4:19)

CONCLUSION

“See that you grow in this grace also” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

“Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. 17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.” (Philippians 4:15-17)

NOT ASHAMED

THE WHY AND HOW OF BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

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Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

“1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. 6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. 7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. 8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. 9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:1-9)

INTRODUCTION

“For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.” (Psalm 50:10-12)

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2)



1. WE GIVE TO SHOW OUR _____ FOR _____ Verse 9

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

A. Grateful for His _____

HIS GRACE IN SAVING US

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:” (Romans 3:24)

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

HIS GRACE IN SUSTAINING US

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:” (2 Corinthians 9:8)

B. Grateful for His _____

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” (2 Corinthians 9:15)

“What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits towards me?” (Psalm 116:12)

“I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. 18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people” (Psalm 116:17-18)

2. WE GIVE TO PROVE OUR _____ IN THE _____ Verses 5-8

A. We First Give _____ verse 5

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1)

B. We Then Give Our _____

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)

C. We Prove the _____ of our Priorities

Quote: You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving —Amy Carmichael

IN OUR TITHES

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.” (Malachi 3:8)

“Honour the LORD with thy substance, And with the firstfruits of all thine increase” (Proverbs 3:9)

IN OUR OFFERINGS

“And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. 6 Inasmuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.” (2 Corinthians 8:5)

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

3. WE GIVE TO EXPRESS OUR _____ IN THE _____

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Quote: The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.—J. L. Kraft (head of Kraft Cheese Corp.)

A. The principle of the _____ Verse 6