

2 Cor Chap 8-9
"Why Should I Give"

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1. Introduction

a. Will I have less if I give more?

- Bible teaches generosity
- 2 Cor 9:9 (Ps 112:9) scattering abroad

b. Prov 11:24 things that scatters
yet increases (generosity)

- farmer plants seeds into ground
(literally throws seed into soil)

2. Giving Observed

a. Jesus observes widow woman
giving offering

- also rich man gave something
- but Jesus said she gave all
that she had (everything)

b. God's grace shown

- (8:6) God's grace given to churches
of Macedonia

- (8:3-4) Macedonians freely gave
beyond their ability

* gift to minister to starving
saints in Jerusalem

- (8:9) grace of Lord Jesus became
poor (born as human) even
though He was rich

- (8:15) gathered much? nothing left
* gathered little? nothing lacking

3. Ministering to the Saints

a. (9:1, 5) Prepare generous gift
ahead of time

- 3b. (9:6) planting & harvesting
- he who sows (plants) little also reaps (harvests) little
 - he who sows (plants) much also reaps (harvests) in plenty
 - quote from Prov 22:9
- c. (9:8) God is able to make all grace multiply to Christian
- d. (9:12) This giving supplies for the needs of the saints
- also causes needy saints to offer up thanksgiving to God
 - * Heb 13:15-16 sacrifice of praise

4. Paul's Thanksgiving

- a. (9:15) "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift"
- Jms 1:17 every good & perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights

- b. Philp 4:19 My God shall supply all your needs

- c. Philp 4:15-18 Philippian church sent gift several times to Paul by Epaphroditus carrying it