

THE PREPARED STEWARD

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Text: 2 Corinthians 9:1–8

“For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: 2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many. 3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: 4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. 5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness. 6 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 9:1–8)

INTRODUCTION

“For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.” (Romans 15:26)

“Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.” (2 Corinthians 8:11)

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:” (Hebrews 10:24)

Quote: “Stewardship should not be an after thought...it should be our first thought. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.”

1. THE _____ OF PREPARATION (v. 5)

A. The _____ (v. 5a)

B. The _____ (v. 5)

Quote: “Paul called this offering “a bounty,” that is, a blessing. He wanted them to look upon it as an opportunity to be a blessing and get a blessing, and not as a yoke on their necks. Giving is a blessing to others, both to those who receive and to those who share.”

—Warren Wiersbe

2. THE _____ OF PREPARATION (v. 6-7)

A. A _____ Purpose (v. 6)

A PRINCIPLE

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)

A PROCESS

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

5 LAWS OF STEWARDSHIP

1. The Law of Rightful Ownership
Nothing truly belongs to us; everything actually belongs to God.
2. The Law of Purposeful Possession
Wise stewards are guided by lordship, not “hoardship.”
Quote: “Do your giving by your living so you will be knowing where its going.”
3. The Law of Joyful Generosity
God loves those who give with the right attitude.
4. The Law of Supernatural Supply
God enables the giver to give beyond his ability to give.
5. The Law of Absolute Harvest
Sow sparingly, reap sparingly; 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)

B. A _____ Purpose (v. 7a)

Quote: “We either give by reason or by revelation.”

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;” (1 Timothy 6:17-18)

PURPOSE TO TITHE

- Tithing Was Established before the Law

“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.” (Genesis 14:18–20)

- Tithing Expanded under the Law

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” (Malachi 3:8–10)

- Tithing Explained as a Stewardship of Trust

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5–6)

“Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.” (Proverbs 3:9–10)

- Tithing Expressed in the Church

“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)

PURPOSE FOR THE OFFERING

Quote: “The more passionate our faith the more consistent our giving.”

“And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. 42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. 43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: 44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.” (Mark 12:41-44)

- C. A _____ Purpose (v. 7a)

GIVE FROM THE HEART

GIVE WITH FAITH

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

- D. A _____ Purpose (v. 7b)

Quote: “But for a believer to give grudgingly, or out of a sense of obligation, is to miss the blessing of giving. Giving must be from the heart, and God loves a cheerful giver.” — **Warren Wiersbe**

“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

3. THE _____ OF PREPARATION (v. 8)

- A. We Give by God's _____

ALL GRACE ABOUND TO US

“For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;” (2 Corinthians 8:3)

HAVE ALL SUFFICIENCY

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." (Hebrews 13:5-6)

B. We Give for God's _____

GOD SUPPLIES US

GOD SUPPLIES US TO GIVE

"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. 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:15-19)

CONCLUSION

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

“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)

TAKEAWAYS

1. Stewardship Is a Priority (Necessary to be Reminded)
2. Stewardship Is Biblical (Tithes and Offerings)
3. Stewardship Is Powered by God (His Grace)
4. Stewardship Is Blessed by God (God Supplies Your Needs)

