

LESSON NINE
2 CORINTHIANS 9: 6 - 15

Paul now seems to turn from the specifics of the collection for the saints, to some fundamental principles regarding the manner of giving. It was not only liberality in giving that Paul was emphasizing, but cheerfulness in giving that the Lord required (vs. 6 - 7). God who commanded them to give could and would supply all their needs, and He would increase His grace toward them. They would be richer and better for what they gave (vs. 8 - 10). Paul had in mind two things; One, that the temporal sufferings of the poor saints would be relieved, and Two, but more importantly, that God would be glorified by the gratitude and mutual love between brethren, and that all would increase in righteousness (vs. 10 - 14). What are our gifts to the poor compared to the gift of Christ to us? (vs. 15).

KEY PHRASES:

1. “sows bountifully” (vs. 6) - Giving is not a loss, but is like a farmer who sows seeds and expects a harvest.
2. “the proof of this ministry” - Giving is a divine test of Christianity.
3. “them” -(vs. 13) - those for whom the contribution was collected - Saints at Jerusalem (1 Cor. 16).
“all” (vs. 13) - all Christians everywhere. ‘all’ means - “with reference to the above.”
4. “Unspeakable gift” (vs. 15) - the gift of Christ himself.
5. “God loves a cheerful giver” (vs. 7) - It means what it says! And we all want God to Love us Right?
6. Vs 9 - Giving in a real sense is an expression of righteousness.

APPLICATION:

1. Giving will Bless You (vs. 6 - 11)
 - a. We reap in measure as we sow (vs. 6).
 - b. We reap as we sow with the right motives (vs. 7).
 - c. Generous Giving is no Hazard (vs. 8).
 - d. We Share in His righteousness (vs. 9).
 - e. You are enriched (vs. 11).
2. Your Giving will Meet Needs (vs 12)
3. Your Giving will Glorify God (vs. 13).
4. Your Giving will Unite God’s People (vs. 14-15).

