

In 2 Corinthians 8-9 Paul addresses the Corinthian's giving. Beginning the section on generosity in general, he then looks at the integrity of how to be generous, eventually stressing follow-through- the execution of *actually* giving. In this final section of chapter 9, Paul addresses how to give, and doing so with a cheerful heart.

2 Corinthians

9:6-15

Giving

Generously

with Joy

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

MY EXPERIENCE...

YOUR EXPERIENCE...

While the Gospel really is the good news of salvation to those who would trust Jesus, it's also the thing that transforms all aspects of our lives and how we live here on earth, today. While our entire worldview changes because of the Holy Spirit's work in our hearts through the Gospel, for many it is their view of money that shifts the most. Through the Gospel God causes us to become generous people, shaping our view of wealth AND our ability to be joyfully generous with it.

II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

WHAT is your attitude when it comes to giving?

WHAT are some of the lessons you've learned when it comes to giving?

WOULD you consider yourself a "have to" or "get to" giver?

WHAT motivates you most when it comes to living generously with your finances, specifically?

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Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

OBSERVATION

What is the point of this section, according to Paul in vs. 6?

According to vs. 7, how are we called to give? How are we called NOT to give?

What is God able to do, in vs. 8, and to what purpose?

What Scripture does Paul quote in vs. 9?

In vs. 11, what is promised and to what purpose? What is the ultimate result?

According to vs. 12-13, why will those receiving *this service* glorify God?

What do you observe about how Paul ends this section in vs. 15?

INTERPRETATION

Where else in Scripture do you see God working in the principles of reaping and sowing? Consider Hosea 10:12 and Galatians 6:7 for starters.

What is the imperative in vs. 7? How can we grow in this command, as we consider all that follows?

What does it mean to have *sufficiency in all things*? How does this “allow” us to then abound in every good work?

What seems to be the purpose of Paul’s use of Psalm 112:9 in vs. 9? Consider reading Psalm 112 (and maybe 111) for context.

How does the result of the Corinthian generosity in vs. 11-12 motivate them to be more generous? Consider how Psalm 92 might inform our attitude of thanksgiving to God as it relates to generosity.

Explain how our submission from our confession of the Gospel affects *how* we are generous. Consider 2 Corinthians 8:9, Hebrews 12:1-3, and Ephesians 2:4 for insight.

What does “inexpressible” mean in vs. 15? Why does Paul end this section with this statement in his attempt to communicate joyful generosity to the church?

APPLICATION

When it comes to generosity, are you genuinely joyful? What is your motivation for joy in generosity, and where could you begin to demonstrate it this week, with your treasure, time, or talents?