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Paul's Second Missionary Journey

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A. Their readiness to give, v.1

B. The Corinthians willingness to give, v.2

C. The Brother's encouragement, vv. 3-5

II. *Cultivating Generosity,* 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

A. The Law of the Harvest, 2 Corinthians 9:6

But this I say, He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. v. 6

sparingly - *pheidomenos*

bountifully - *eulogia* - *with blessing*

What is this doing here?

Give to get? Give a “seed” offering for personal gain?

Foundational Lifestyle Fact? Generosity over greediness.

A. The Law of the Harvest, *cont.* 2 Corinthians 9:6

Its use in Scripture:

1. “Those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.” Job 4:8

2. Proverbs 11:24-26:

There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty.

The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself. v. 25

The people will curse him who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it. v. 26

A. The Law of the Harvest, *cont.* 2 Corinthians 9:6

It's use in Scripture:

3. Proverbs 22:8-9

**He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail. v. 8**

**He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor. v. 9**

4. The parable of the seed and the soil -

Matthew 13:3-37; Mark 4; Luke 8:5

5. The sower reaps according to what he sows.

“...for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap...”

Galatians 6:7-9

II. *Cultivating Generosity, cont,* 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

B. A Generous Lifestyle, v. 7

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.” v. 7

1. The Guideline - 2 Corinthians 9:7a

So - *kathos* - *according as*

each one - *individual*, *KJV* - *everyone*, *NASV* - *everyman*

purposes - *proairomai* - *to chose before hand*

grudgingly - *ek* out of, *lupe* - *grieving, sorrow, heaviness*

necessity - *anagke* - *compulsion, law, a must do*.

B. A Generous Lifestyle, *cont.* v.7

2. God Loves Generosity, - 2 Corinthians 9:7b

“for God loves a cheerful giver.”

cheerful - hilaros - cheerful, joyous

LXX - Proverbs 22:9

“God blesseth a man who is cheerful and a good giver.”

Oxford English Dictionary “ready, willing, unapologetic”

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C. God's Equipping, 2 Corinthians 9:8

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you...”

“God is able...” 2 Corinthians 9:8b

- **What He promised He was able to perform.** Rom. 4:21
- **To graft them in again,** Rom. 11:13
 - **To keep that which is committed unto Him,**
2 Tim. 1:12
 - **To raise the dead,** Heb. 11:19

II. *Cultivating Generosity, cont,* 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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***“And God is able -
to make all grace abound toward you ...”***

every, all - *pasan* -from *pas*, all, every. 5× in v. 8

always - *pantote* - from *pas*

abound - *perrisseuo* - to be over and above

you - second person plural, y'all, - the church

C. God's Equipping, 2 Corinthians 9:8b

The equipped:

“...that you always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

all sufficiency - *autarkeia* - nothing needed

good work - *agathos* - honorable; ergon work

II. *Cultivating generosity, cont.* 2 Corinthians 9:6-14

D. An illustration and a prayer: vv. 9-10

The (parenthetical) illustration: vv. 9-10 KJV

***“He has dispersed,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever:”***

Psalm 112:9

Paul’s prayer for God to: v. 10

- supply and multiply the seed sown,

+ supply - epichoregeio the one who supplies,

- Increase the fruits of your righteousness.

III. The Fruit of the Ministry of Giving v. 11-14

***“While you are enriched in everything,
for all liberality, which causes
thanksgiving to God.” v. 11.***

enriched - *plutizo* - v. p. passive, being enriched

**liberality - *haplotes* - bountifulness,
openness *that leads to generosity***

causes - *katergazomai* - to effect the outcome

All liberality causes Thanksgiving to God.

“Being enriched for all liberality ...”

You are being enriched

causes Thanksgiving to God.

III. The Fruit of Generosity. 2 Corinthians 9:12-14

The administration of this service:

- Supplies the needs of the saints at Jerusalem. v. 12a**
- Generates abounding thanksgiving to God.**
- Provides proof of their ministry of giving. v. 13**
- Generates prayers & longing for them. v. 14**

VI. The Doxology - *Thanks be to God...*” 2 Cor. 9:15

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IV. Doxology of Grace 2 Corinthians 9:15

***“Thanks be to God
for His indescribable gift!”***

2 Cor. 9:15

thanks - *Charis* - *grace*

indescribable - *anakdiegetos* - words cannot define,

c.f. The unsearchable riches of Christ.” Romans 11:33;
Eph. 3:8

gift - *dorea* - a gift, free gift

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***“Thanks be to God
for His indescribable gift.”***

2 Cor. 9:15

What is this indescribable gift?

“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that said to you, ‘Give me to drink’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

John 4:10

“... who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” Eph. 1:3, c.f., Eph. 1:7, 11; 3:8

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.”

2 Cor. 9:15

“Oh the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!” Romans 11:33

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Eph. 3:20

“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.” 1 Timothy 1:17

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.”

2 Cor. 9:15

Mission Accomplished!

Paul before Felix, “Now after many years I came to bring alms and offerings to my nation.” Acts 24:17

For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

Romans 15:26