

The Principle of Giving

Purposeful Generosity Part 2

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2 Corinthians 9:6-11

I. The Law of Sowing and Reaping (v.6)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

- **Sparingly vs. Generously:** Drawing parallels from agriculture – the measure you give determines the measure you receive.
- **God is in control:** Everything We Have Comes From God.

II. The Heart Behind the Gift (v.7)

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- **Cheerful Giving:** God values the giver's attitude over the gift's size.
- **Decided in the Heart:** Intentional, premeditated giving. Spontaneous emotional giving vs. prayerful, intentional giving.

III. God's Abundant Provision (v.8-10)

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

- **Always Enough:** God ensures we have all we need, and even more for every good work.
- **The Cycle of Blessings:** God's blessings are cyclical. He blesses us, we bless others, and He continues to provide so the cycle doesn't end.
- **God as the Source:** God provides seed to the sower. Everything we give is actually given to us by God in the first place.

IV. Enriched for Generosity (v.11)

11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

- **Purpose of Abundance:** We are made rich in every way so that we can be generous on every occasion.
- **Multiplying Results:** Our generosity results in thanksgiving to God, multiplying the effects of our gifts.