

Series: Treasure: What The Bible Says About Giving

Text: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Main Idea: God's grace generates generous giving.

Title/Hook: Pay It Forward

Date: 3/17/24

Purpose: To encourage Christians to give for two reasons. 1) You can freely give to others because you know promises to give to you 2) God gives to you so you can give to others.

FCF/COR: The "needs of the saints" always exist in the church. As Jesus said, "There will never cease to be poor in the land." (Matthew 26:11)

Christ Trajectory: Their submission came from their confession of the gospel of Christ (v. 13). Salvation in Christ leads to transformation and obedience to Christ.

Apologetic: Closed-handedness and greed proves unsatisfying over and over again.

Call to Worship: James 1:17

Benediction: 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Structure: Deductive

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Subject (What is the passage about?): Why does Paul encourage the Christians in Corinth to give?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): Because God will make all grace abound to them, supply and multiply their seed, and enrich them in every way, so they can abound in every good work, sow bountifully, and be generous in every way which will produce thanksgiving to God.

Exegetical Main Idea: Paul encourages the Christians in Corinth to give because God will make all grace abound to them, supply and multiply their seed, and enrich them in every way, so they can abound in every good work, sow bountifully, and be generous in every way which will produce thanksgiving to God.

Theological Main Idea: God blesses and provides for His people so that they can bless and provide for others.

Homiletical Main Idea: God's grace generates generous giving.

Outline:

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1 Corinthians 16:1-4 - Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. ³ And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

1. God blesses His people when they bless others (vv. 6-7)

Proverbs 11:24-25 - ²⁴ One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Proverbs 22:9 - Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

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2. God blesses His people so they can bless others (vv. 8-11a)

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Luke 12:16-21, 33-34 - ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." - - - ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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3. God is glorified when His people are generous (vv. 11b-15)

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