

Supernaturally Savvy Stewards

2nd Corinthians 9:6-15

Recap:

- -Worldly
- -Unimpressed With Paul
- -Confused about ministry and purpose

2 Corinthians = A Call to be a
Counter-Cultural-Cruciform Community

OT Quotes:

Exodus 16:18 (8:15)

Proverbs 3:3-4 (8:21)

Psalm 92:3; 112:9

Historical Background:

1 Corinthians 16:1-4; Acts 11:27-30;

20:35; Gal. 2:10; Matt. 12:30

Money is a tool to express our values The grace of God

-used 10x in Chapters 8-9

Giving is grace motivated.

It is relational and regular.

The Secret of Grace Giving

Having an "all in" kind of Giving

Their actions revealed their love and devotion to God and others (cf. Matt. 6:19-21; 12:30; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:38; 16:13; Phil. 2:3-8, 20-21; 4:19; 1 Thes. 4:9-10

6] My point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.

7] Each one of you should give just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver.

8] And God is able to make all grace overflow to you so that because you have enough of everything in every way at all times, you will overflow in every good work.

9] Just as it is written,
"He has scattered widely,
he has given to the poor;
his righteousness remains forever."

10] Now God who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your supply of seed and will cause the harvest of your righteousness to grow.

11] You will be enriched in every way so that you may be generous on every occasion, which is producing through us thanksgiving to God,

12] because the service of this ministry is not only providing for the needs of the saints but is also overflowing with many thanks to God.

13] Through the evidence of this service they will glorify God because of your obedience to your confession in the gospel of Christ and the generosity of your sharing with them and with everyone.

14] And in their prayers on your behalf, they long for you because of the extraordinary grace God has shown to you. 15] Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

V6 - The Principle of Increase

- (1) Enrichment for givers (v.6–10),
- (2) Fulfillment for receivers (v.11–12),
- (3) Praise to God, the Source of all blessings (v.13–15)
- See Prov. 11:24–26; Mat. 19:29; Luke 6:38; Gal. 6:7–8; Phil. 4:10–20; Mal. 3:10

v7 - Principle of Intent

Grace giving is not foolish giving

A burden for lost souls, shows correct priorities

Matthew 6:21 - Heart and Treasure

Psalm 37:4 - Desire and Delight

v7 - Cheerfully "Hilariously" Happily How and Why? God's *Promises* (2 Cor. 8-9; Mal. 3:8; Hag. 1:4 God's Purposes (Mat. 6:21; Luke 6:36) God's Process (1 Tim. 6:17) God's Presence (2 Cor. 8:9)

v8 - Principle of Immediacy

Limitless grace and sufficiency (Matthew 10:42)

and contentment (Phil. 4:11; Luke 3:14; 1 Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5)

v9-10 - Principle of Indication As it is written... (Psa. 92:3, 9, Ps. 112:9; Isa. 55:10-11 Charity reaps an eternal reward (Prov.

19:17; Matt. 10:40, 25:40) and is an indication and evidence of fruit, sanctification, and maturity.

v11-12 - Principle of Improvement In sowing, we're enriched and we enrich others, to praise and thanks to God. (Matt. 5:16; 1 Tim. 6:18)

v13-15 - Principle of Involvement Sharing is caring (koinania fellowship) Their giving demonstrates God's work in them, leading to glory and gratitude for the gospel of Christ and their generous sharing.

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Your Giving Will:

- 1. Bless You (6-11)
- 2. Meet Needs (12)
- 3. Glorify God (13)
- 4. Unite God's People (14-15)

<u>Man's Way</u>

Focus:

Power and position Submission

God's Way

Emphasis: Rights and freedom Personal responsibility

Desire: Gain for self Meet the needs of others

Concern: Immediate Lasting fulfillment

achievement

Yearning: Praise of men Approval of God

Aspiration: To be served To serve others

Need: To push ahead For patience

Striving: To lead men To follow God

Interest: Competition Cooperation

Motivation: Self-glorification God's Glory

Principles of Grace giving (v1-5)

- 1. We give because of grace
- 2. To honor God
- 3. To build relationships
- 4. To the church for the household of faith first
- 5. We give in spite of circumstances

- 6. Sacrificially beyond ability,
- 7. Freely, sincerely, eagerly
- 8. To grow spiritually and in relationship with God
- 9. To express our values
- 10. We should give more than money, Give yourself wholly to God first

11. Because of the gospel 12. Knowing God is our provider 13. We give as stewards of Gods funds, to build His kingdom, His way, honorably, faithfully, with integrity.

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