



June 9, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell
2 Corinthians 9:6-15 | "Giving With Joy"

Sermon Application Review from 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5

How did your love increase for CBC this past week (8:16)?

What step did you take to team up with other believers in your giving (8:16–24)?

How did you motivate another believer in your giving (9:1–5)?

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

John 12:24–26

Luke 9:24–27

Psalms 112:5, 7–9

Luke 12:21–34

James 2:14–26

1 Timothy 6:3–10, 17–19

Study Questions

1. When have you experienced the principle of sowing and reaping in your financial giving (9:6)? What were the positive and negative results? How seriously do you take to heart that we reap what we have sown? Read Galatians 6:9–10. How would your family and friends describe your giving practices?
2. What financial decisions have you "purposed" in your heart (9:7)? How have you involved others in these decisions (e.g., spouse, children, friends, mentors)? Would you describe yourself as a "cheerful giver"? If not, can you think of a time when you were? What motivated you during this season? How did you experience Jesus' words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35)?
3. How has God made "all grace abound to you" in your giving (9:8)? How has God's grace resulted in "every good deed"? How has God "enriched" you in various areas of your life? In what ways is your giving "producing thanksgiving to God" (9:11)? What has such an expression of gratitude looked like in your life?
4. How does your generosity cause thanksgiving to overflow to God (9:12)? How could this be a pure motive for giving? In what ways is your giving a testimony to the gospel (9:13)? How does a person's giving reflect his or her commitment to Christ?
5. How does the gift of Christ motivate you to give (9:15)? What might it look like for you to take a step of faith in generosity in the weeks ahead? Who do you know that exemplifies generous and cheerful giving? How does this person inspire you? What would you say if you had the opportunity to speak to the CBC family about giving?

Recommended Reading

Randy Alcorn, *Money, Possessions, and Eternity* (Tyndale, 1989 [2011]); *Giving Is the Good Life: The Unexpected Path to Purpose and Joy* (Compassion, 2019)

John Rinehart, *Gospel Patrons* (Create Space, 2014); *Giving Together: An Adventure In Generosity* (Reclaimed, 2023)

Art Rainer, *The Money Challenge: 30 Days of Discovering God's Design For You and Your Money* (B&H, 2017)

Verlyn D. Verbrugge and Keith R. Krell, *Paul and Money: A Biblical and Theological Analysis of the Apostle's Teachings and Practices* (Zondervan, 2015)