

Big Responsibility

Called to Give

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 “Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, ‘They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.’ For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.”

Plant _____ “But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.” (v.6b)

Proverbs 11:25 “The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”

Luke 6:38 “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

Mark 12:42-44 “Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ‘I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.’ ”

Give _____ “You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’ ” (v.7)

Exodus 25:2 “Tell the people of Israel to bring me their sacred offerings. Accept the contributions from ***all whose hearts are moved*** to offer them.”

Deuteronomy 15:10 “Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do.”

Share _____ “As the Scriptures say, ‘They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.’ ” (v.9)

Psalms 112:9 “They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.”

Matthew 10:8 “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. ***Give as freely as you have received!***”