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1. Our ACTIONS in Grace Giving

2 Corinthians 9:1–4 (ESV) — Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident.

1 Corinthians 16:1–3 (ESV) — Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. 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. And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem.

2 Corinthians 8:1–5 (ESV) — We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of

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affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

1 John 3:17–18 (ESV) — But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

James 1:22 (NLT) — But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

2. Our ATTITUDE towards Grace Giving

2 Corinthians 9:5 (ESV) — So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.

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3. Our AFFECTION for Grace Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6–7 (ESV) — The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV) — Each one must give as he has decided in his heart ...

Matthew 6:19–21 (ESV) — Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Every reluctance to grace giving is a heart issue, not a wallet issue!

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God’s Economy doesn’t function based upon credits and debits, but upon sowing and reaping!

Luke 6:38 (NLT) — 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.”

4. Our ABUNDANCE through Grace Giving

2 Corinthians 9:8–10 (ESV) — And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

➤ **SUFFICIENCY for all things**

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You will always have enough to be generous in all things!

➤ **Continual increase in RIGHTEOUSNESS**

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Matthew 25:20–21 (ESV) — And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful

over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

5. God’s ADORATION through Grace Giving

➤ **THANKSGIVING to God!**

2 Corinthians 9:11–12 (ESV) — You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

➤ **GLORY to God!**

2 Corinthians 9:11–15 (ESV) — By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others

➤ **UNITY among believers!**

2 Corinthians 9:14–15 (ESV) — While they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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