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Sermon | Cheerful Giving That Glorifies God

Introduction:

In 2 Corinthians 9, the Apostle Paul reminds us that generosity is a visible expression of God's grace working through us. As you read and discuss this passage, notice how Paul connects faithful giving to spiritual integrity, joyful worship, and the glory of God. This short chapter invites us to be people who not only make promises but keep them, who give freely and cheerfully, and who trust God to multiply our resources for His kingdom work. May this guide help you reflect deeply, apply practically, and celebrate the indescribable gift we have in Christ.

Biblical giving is a reflection of God's grace in us — it should be willing, generous, cheerful, and always aimed at bringing Him glory.

1. When You Commit to Give, Follow Through! (vv. 1–5)

Faithful giving means doing what you promised to do.

Challenge:

Be a finisher, not just a starter.

2. When You Give, Give Generously, Freely, and Cheerfully! (vv. 6–7)

The attitude matters: plant bountifully, not reluctantly.

Challenge:

Give from gratitude, not guilt.

3. When You Give Generously, God Will Provide Generously (vv. 8–10)

God supplies so that you can continue to share generously.

Challenge:

Don't have a scarcity mindset - God is a multiplier.

4. When You Give, Needs Are Met, Gratitude Grows, and God is Glorified (vv. 11–15)

Generous giving is a testimony that draws praise to God.

Challenge:

Ask God to make your life a channel through which gratitude and glory flow back to Him.

Bottom Line:

We give because He gave — “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (v. 15).

Life Application Sermon Guide:

1. *Read vv. 1–5.* Why did Paul feel the need to send brothers ahead if the Corinthians were already willing? How does this show Paul’s pastoral wisdom?
2. *Read vv. 6–7.* What do the sowing and reaping metaphors teach you about the consequences of generosity vs. stinginess?
3. *Read vv. 8–10.* What promises does Paul make about God’s provision for generous givers? How is this different from a “prosperity gospel” promise?
4. *Read vv. 11–15.* How does our giving connect to worship and thanksgiving? Can you share a time when someone’s generosity inspired your praise to God?
5. *Reflection:* Paul ends with v. 15 — God’s “indescribable gift.” How does Jesus’ sacrifice shape the way you think about your own giving?