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Enriched in Every Way Enriched with Faith in God 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

"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. 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. 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. 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, 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!." 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Enriched in Every Way: To make wealthy in all possible areas

Main Idea: God Has Enriched Us with Faith, so that We Can Be Faithful

I. A Different Mindset: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6

"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce: then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." **Proverbs 3:9-10**

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." **Luke 6:38**

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 5:7-9

"The 'good measure' He gives back to us is not always money or material goods, but it is always worth far more than we gave. Giving is not something we do, but something we are. Giving is a way of life for the Christian who understands the grace of God." **Warren Wiersbe** "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." **Proverbs 11:24**

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II. A Decisive Motivation "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

"One way to know you are growing in your faith is when you give with a glad heart in response to the goodness of God. Giving should be a joy not a job." **Tony Evans**

"You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake." **Deuteronomy 15:10**

"Certainly God can bless a gift given out of a sense of duty, but God cannot bless the giver unless his heart is right. Grace giving means that God blesses the giver as well as the gift, and that the giver is a blessing to others." **Warren Wiersbe**

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." **Heb 11:6**

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Sources & Further Reading Opportunities

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