

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15

MOTIVATION FOR GENEROSITY

8:1-9

Despite suffering and extreme poverty, the Macedonians gave from gracious hearts.

In their gratitude for God's grace, they gave generously with joy.

The Corinthians, once spiritually poor, were now spiritually rich through the free gift of God's grace.

Give as a _____ to God's grace in your life.

READINESS TO GIVE GENEROUSLY

8:10-9:5

The Corinthians had not followed through with their commitment made a year earlier.

Their willing gift would be evidence of true concern for those in need.

Paul sends Titus, along with other trusted and reputable men to take the collection.

Be _____ in your readiness to act on the grace God has given you.

RICHES IN GENEROSITY

9:6-9:15

The Giver:

Participates in God's plan to provide for the poor.

Is content in the sufficiency of Christ.

Trusts that God will multiply their giving in a "harvest of righteousness."

The Receiver:

Is strengthened and encouraged to continue sharing the gospel.

Has a heart full of gratitude to God for meeting their needs.

Enjoys unity with the church body.

_____ *your resources in advancing the gospel.*

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! 2 Cor. 9:15

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

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.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

Romans 15:26-28

For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.