



A Letter of Grace 2 Corinthians

Sowing Bountifully (9:1-15)

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Summary Closing (vv.1-5)

¹ Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, ² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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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A Basic Principle of Giving

⁶ *The point is this:
whoever sows **sparingly** will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows **bountifully** will also reap bountifully.*

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The Necessary Disposition of Giving

⁷ *Each one must give as he has **decided** in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a **cheerful** giver.*

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God's Faithfulness in Our Giving

- ⁸ *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.*
- ⁹ *As it is written,
"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."*
- ¹⁰ *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.*
- ¹¹ *You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way,
which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

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The Outcome of Gracious Giving

- ¹² *For the ministry of this service
is not only supplying the needs of the saints
but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.*
- ¹³ *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,*
- ¹⁴ *while they **long** for you and **pray** for you,
because of the **surpassing grace** of God upon you.*

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A Closing Doxology

¹⁵ *Thanks be to God for his **inexpressible gift!***

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Application

- Tithing may be a starting point, but generosity is the ultimate goal.
- Generosity of time, talents, treasures.

*As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be **haughty**, nor to set their **hopes** on the uncertainty of riches, but **on God**, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.*

*They are to do **good**, to be **rich** in good works, to be **generous** and **ready** to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the **future**, so that they may take hold of that which is **truly life**. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)*

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