

Series "Strength In Weakness"
"Results Of Giving"
2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Study-14

2 Corinthians 8-9 are two chapters dealing with the subject of giving:

Giving is based on the grace of God! **2 Corinthians 8:1**

2 Corinthians 8:1-9 **Graced in Giving,**

2 Corinthians 8:10-24 **Encouragement in Giving,**

2 Corinthians 9:1-15 **Results in Giving.** When grace giving is lived out in practice, how does it look? How does it function?

Thought Of Our Passage: "Through Grace Giving Others Are Motivated And Blessed As We Purpose To Bring Glory To God."

1. Verses 1-5 **Our Giving Motivates Others**

2. Verses 6-11 **Our Giving Brings Blessings**

3. Verses 12-15 **Our Giving Glorifies God**

1. Verses 1-5 Our Giving Motivates Others

2 Corinthians 9:1 For Paul has been speaking about the giving of the Corinthians. They had committed themselves to give a year earlier, but they had not followed through! Paul then encourages them in their giving.
2 Corinthians 8:24

it is superfluous *"to overflow, over and above, to have an abundance."*

for me to write to you about this ministry to the saints; Paul is saying there is no need for me to enlarge or give a lot of talk about this grace offering to the saints in Judea.

2 Corinthians 9:2 for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the Macedonians, - They had committed and were excited about the opportunity to give to the Jewish saints. Paul had bragged about this to the churches of **Philippi, Thessalonica,** and **Berea.**

namely, that Achaia - The district or area of Corinth.

has been prepared since last year, - This was a commitment that had been made a year ago. **(You are the pioneers of giving!)**

and your zeal has stirred up most of them. Because they were excited and wanted to give, it motivated others to give to the Lord.

Our lives should be examples for good to others! Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 4:34-37

Our giving, our ability to meet the needs of others is contagious.

2 Corinthians 9:3 But I have sent the brethren, this is a continuation of what Paul has just been saying; **2 Corinthians 8:16-24** Titus and another brother that were going to come and receive the offering.

in order that our boasting about you may not be made empty in this case,

so that, as I was saying, you may be prepared; So, when they come you are going to be prepared as you said you were going to be!

2 Corinthians 9:4 Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

Paul had used the zeal of the Corinthians to challenge the Macedonians; but now he was using the **Macedonians to challenge the Corinthians!**

2 Corinthians 9:5 arrange beforehand your previously promised bountiful gift, Paul wanted everything to be prepared before he arrived.

so that the same would be ready as a bountiful gift

The right heart of one prompted by grace would be prepared by the believers.

and not affected by covetousness. *Paul did not want the motive for giving money to be so that the Corinthians would get in return.*

2. Verses 6-11 Our Giving Brings Blessings

2 Corinthians 9:6 Now this I say,

Paul now begins to share the personal benefits of "Grace Giving."

Principle Of Increase: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Paul draws from agriculture **Luke 6:38**

2 Corinthians 9:7 Principle of Motive: Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart; When a farmer goes out to plow the field, plant the seed... Does it matter that he hates his farm?

Painful Givers: grudgingly – *"sorrow, pain, grief, annoyance, affliction of persons mourning"*

Forced Givers: or under compulsion; *"to be imposed either by the circumstances, or by law of duty"*

Matthew 6:2-4

for God loves a cheerful giver. literally - *"Hilarious, Joyous"*

Proverbs 22:9

2 Corinthians 9:8 sufficiency - *"adequate resources within"* Our dependence is upon God! We can help each other and we should, but God is the one we look to.

The feeding of the 5000 Mark 6:30-44

2 Corinthians 9:9 Psalms 112:9

Psalm 112 describes the righteous man who has no fears because his heart is sincere and obedient to the Lord.

Psalms 37:25

2 Corinthians 9:10 (Isaiah 55:10-11)

2 Corinthians 9:11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, - The blessed life is the generous life. **(Builds character at the moment of giving!)**

which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.
God alone gets the glory!

That our grace giving goes back to God, that He receives the praise and the glory. He was the one that provided.

3. Verses 12-15 Our Giving Glorifies God

2 Corinthians 9:12 For the ministry of this service – *"Priestly Service"* this was the grace gift! It truly was ministry to God and others.

God Is Glorified When The Saints' Needs Are Met: is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints,

God Is Glorified Through Our Thanksgiving: but is also overflowing

through many thanksgivings to God. That our giving not only meets the needs but it was producing, thanks to God.

2 Corinthians 9:13 Because of the proof given by this ministry

What is the proof? It is the giving of the Corinthians. It was not talk but the actions of the believers.

they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ, notice that God is glorified through our obedience to the gospel message.

and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, it was more than a gift, it was the liberality of the gift.

2 Corinthians 9:14

Church Is Unified Through Prayer: while they also, by prayer on your behalf,

yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

2 Corinthians 9:15 The entire subject of giving is all based on grace!

Thanks – Greek word for Grace.

Indescribable – The giving of grace was the giving of His Son.

Indescribable – Who He is, how He came, what He accomplished

Indescribable – Outcome.

Application:

- 1. Grace Giving Is Satisfying To The Soul: 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.**
- 2. Grace Giving Is Edifying To The Saints: 12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.**
- 3. Grace Giving Is Magnifying To The Savior: 2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!**