

2 Corinthians Chapter 9

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Points in 2 Corinthians Chapter 9

1. Purpose of the messengers (1-5)
2. Blessings in giving liberally (6-11)
 - a. God would bless them
 - b. God will multiply the seed they have sown
3. The collection would not only **supply the needs of the saints**, it will **give thanks and praise to God**, and **produce prayers by the recipients for their benefactors**. (12-15)

1. What did Paul say about the Corinthians' giving?

2 Corinthians 9:1 (NASB)

¹ For it is superfluous for me to write to you about this ministry to the saints;

2 Corinthians 9:1 (KJV)

¹ For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2 Corinthians 9:1 (NIV2011)

¹ There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people.

2 Corinthians 9:1 (CEV)

¹ I don't need to write you about the money you plan to give for God's people.

There is no need for me to write to you

2. What was Paul's boasting to the Macedonians in vs. 2?

2 Corinthians 9:2

² for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the Macedonians, namely, that Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them.

1. They are ready to help

Love

2. They have been preparing for a year

Faith – working
and active

3. Their zeal has stirred up
most of them

Example

3. Why were the messengers being sent?

2 Corinthians 9:3-5

³ But I have **sent the brethren**, 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**;

⁴ otherwise if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to speak of you—will be put to shame by this confidence.

⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously **promised bountiful gift, so that the same would be ready as a bountiful gift** and not affected by covetousness.

1. **Our boasting about you may not be made empty**
2. **You may be prepared**
3. **Promised bountiful gift may be ready**

Stewardship in a Christian's Life

1. Time
2. Talents
3. Finances
4. Our Body (Temple)
5. Gospel

4. What is the relation between sowing and reaping?

2 Corinthians 9:6

⁶ Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Physical Realm

1. The farmer who **sows** seed **sparingly** will **reap** a meager harvest
2. The farmer **who sows bountifully** will **reap** a great harvest

Spiritual Realm

1. **Giving will result in blessings from God.**
 - A. **Generous givers will reap generous blessings from God.**
 - B. **Those who hold back selfishly fearing loss will forfeit their gain.**

4. What is the relation between sowing and reaping?

Proverbs 3:9-10

⁹ Honor the LORD from your wealth And from the first of all your produce;

¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 11:24-25

²⁴ There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more,
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want.

²⁵ The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.

4. What is the relation between sowing and reaping?

Luke 6:38

³⁸ "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Galatians 6:7-8

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

⁸ 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.

5. What are the principles of giving?

2 Corinthians 9:7

⁷ Each one *must do* just as he has ***purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion***, for ***God loves a cheerful giver***.

1. **Predetermined** – purpose in his heart
2. **Freely** – not grudgingly or under compulsion
3. **Cheerfully** - God loves a cheerful giver

5. What are the principles of giving?

- A. God desires a relationship with man
- B. Giving is an act of worship (honoring God)
- C. Giving is a spiritual discipline and a privilege
- D. God expects faithful financial stewardship
- E. God holds man accountable
- F. God offers grace, mercy and forgiveness

5. What are the principles of giving?

1. God owns everything

1 Timothy 4:4

⁴ For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude;

5. What are the principles of giving?

2. Give secretly

Matthew 6:1-4

¹ "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

² "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

³ "But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

⁴ so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

5. What are the principles of giving?

3. Give generously

2 Corinthians 9:6

⁶ Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

1 Timothy 6:17-18

¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

¹⁸ *Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,*

5. What are the principles of giving?

4. Give purposely

2 Corinthians 9:7

7 Each one *must do just as he has*
purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or
under compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver.

5. What are the principles of giving?

5. Give cheerfully

2 Corinthians 9:7

⁷ Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

5. What are the principles of giving?

6. Give sacrificially

2 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Mark 12:42-44

⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent.

⁴³ Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury;

⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."

5. What are the principles of giving?

7. Give proportionally

1 Corinthians 16:2

2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

5. What are the principles of giving?

8. Give regularly

1 Corinthians 16:2

2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

6. How does God reward a cheerful giver?

2 Corinthians 9:8-9

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

⁹ as it is written, "HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER."

1. All grace abound to you
2. Always having all sufficiency in everything
3. Have an abundance for every good deed

7. Why did Paul pray that God supply and multiply the seed sown by the Corinthians?

2 Corinthians 9:10

¹⁰ Now 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***;

Increase the harvest of your righteousness

8. How will we be enriched in vs. 11?

2 Corinthians 9:11

¹¹ you will be *enriched in everything for all liberality,* which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

1. In everything for all liberality

2. Through us is producing thanksgiving to God

1 Corinthians 10:31

³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

9. What four things did the administration of this service (the collection) supply?

2 Corinthians 9:12-14

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**.

¹³ Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will **glorify God** for **your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution** to them and to all,

¹⁴ while they also, by **prayer on your behalf**, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

9. What four things did the administration of this service (the collection) supply?

Ministry of this service

1. Fully **supplying the needs of the saints**

2. Many **thanksgivings to God**

3. They will **glorify God**

a. Your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ

b. For the liberality of your contribution

4. Prayer on their behalf

10. What is God's indescribable gift?

2 Corinthians 9:15

15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Jesus Christ is God's gift for which we all have reason to be thankful

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.