

“The Reward for Giving”

“2 Corinthians 9:6-8

“We must give more in order to get more, it is the generous giving of ourselves that produces the generous harvest”-Orison Swett Marden

We Must Give the Right “Amount”: It’s in Verse 6 Paul uses the illustration of farming to teach the Corinthian church kingdom principles on giving. The Corinthian church had previously agreed to give an offering to help those in need. However, they have hesitated in their giving so Paul now has to teach/remind them of the importance of giving and why to give. He refers to the “gift” of our offering as “seeds” that we sow unto the Lord.

- 1) We control the sowing and God controls the harvest. We should never miss an opportunity to sow.
- 2) The principle of giving doesn’t just apply to the believer.
- 3) The seeds we sow are not relegated to a season because it’s always sowing season.
- 4) The amount that we sow affects the amount that we receive in our harvest.

We Must Give with the right “Attitude”: If there is a right attitude to give with then there is most definitely a wrong attitude to give with. Because the Corinthian church was hesitant with giving this financial gift it suggested that they really didn’t want to give it in the first place. Paul teaches them as well as us that giving must genuinely be in our hearts.

- 1) Giving first starts in the heart. We can determine what is important to us by looking at what we give our money too. **Matthew 6:21**
- 2) Wrong Attitude vs. Right Attitude-**Acts 5:1-11**
- 3) When Paul uses the word “**grudgingly**” it means to give with regrets
- 4) When Paul uses the word “**necessity**” it means being manipulated to give
- 5) What does God love? A cheerful giver. Cheerful in the Greek means “**hilaros**” which we get our word hilarious. In other word’s we should be happy to give.
- 6) We should be cheerful givers because God is a cheerful giver.

Then We can have an “Abundance”: Paul encourages the believers that there is a reward for those that are obedient to God in there giving. However, all of the blessings that the Lord gives us are not material but are also spiritual.

- 1) Grace-Unmerited divine assistance. God will bless the believer for even the smallest gift-**Matthew 10:42**
- 2) One of the spiritual blessings is “**all**” grace. **Provisional Grace James 1:17, Miraculous Grace Acts 6:8, Serving Grace 1 Peter 4:10, Sustaining Grace 2 Corinthians 12:9/Hebrews 4:16.**
- 3) God will also provide contentment/joy in everything that we do.
- 4) God will also position us to be a blessing to others.