

Series: Building for Tomorrow

The Joy of Grace Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NIV)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

*"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."*

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

1. THE MEASUREMENT YOU USE TO GIVE WITH IS THE MEASUREMENT GOD USES.

v. 6 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

- God knows what we can give and measures our gift not by the amount but by our ability.
- When we choose to be stingy with what we have, we discover that God cannot release what He has for us.
- When we give with reckless abandon, we receive the blessings God has in full measure.

2. GRACE GIVING CANNOT HAPPEN UNDER COMPULSION.

v. 7 "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

- If we truly seek the Lord's guidance, He will reveal to our hearts what to give.
- Our gift should produce joy, not regret.

3. GRACE GIVING UNLEASHES GOD'S ECONOMY. (vv. 8-10)

- When God provides all we need as an act of His grace, it allows us to accomplish His plan. (v. 8)
- In God's economy, it is not just about meeting needs, it is about abundance.

John 10:10 (NASB-U)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

- God is not just concerned for today; He is looking to our future. (v. 10)

4. YOU CANNOT OUT GIVE GOD.

v. 11 "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

- God provides generously for us so that we can be generous at all times.
- When we truly understand the source of our ability to give, we give thanks to God.

The concept of grace giving is allowing God to create in us an ability to give that far outstretches what we could do on our own.