

This Way Up

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Promises in Giving 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The Corinthians had promised to send a generous financial gift to needy Christians in Jerusalem but they had failed to follow through on their promise.

The letter of 2 Corinthians was written in part to encourage them to make good on their promise and this passage gives God's promises to those who are generous.

I. PROPORTIONATE

- A basic principle of life is that a person will be blessed in proportion to his generosity; a stingy person will receive little but the generous will receive a bounty (*vs.6; Prov.11:24-26; 19:17; 22:9*).

II. PURPOSEFUL

Negative: Giving is not to be from sorrow because of suffering; and not from being compelled by external or internal pressures (*vs.7b*).

Positive: You are to give cheerfully as the Holy Spirit directs and as you have purposed in your heart (*vs.7; Rom.12:8; 1 Chron 20:11-17; Ex.25:2*).

III. PRODUCTIVE

- God will go far beyond what you can imagine (*vs.8,9*).
- When a believer is prompted by the Lord to give to a needy believer, and he responds freely and cheerfully, his righteous act will be remembered for ever (*Ps.112:9*).

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PROMISES

1. **Your generosity will be displayed eternally** (vs.6-9)
This is a basic principle found in the Old and New Testaments
2. **God will supply and multiply your harvest** (vs.10)
He will supply your material needs
He will multiply your spiritual blessings
3. **You will be made rich in every way** (vs.11)
Enriched both materially and spiritually
4. **God will receive thanksgiving** (vs. 11b, 12b, 15)
For your service of giving and for practical needs being met
We thank Him for His indescribable gift to us - the gift of Jesus Christ our savior
5. **God will be glorified** (vs.13a; 8:19b)
For your submission to the gospel
For your submission to the leading of the Lord
For the generosity of the gift that was freely given
6. **Practical needs will be met** (vs.12a)
Although secondary to the glory of God, this is a practical benefit from your giving
7. **You will be united to them** (vs.13b, 14)
You fellowshiped with them in your gift, and they in turn pray for you and have an earthly bond with you