

**May 22, 2022**  
**II Corinthians 9:1-15**  
**When "I" Give**

**Principles and practical Application**

KEEPING IT SIMPLE: It Is To Be A Gift, Not Extortion, Sow Sparingly, Reap Sparingly, Sow Bountifully, Reap Bountifully.

Without Reluctance, Under no Compulsion To Give,  
God Loves A Cheerful Giver, Expressions Of Thanks Flow To God!

You can give and not love, but it is impossible to love and not give.

The giving of this gift gave evidence of the genuineness of the Corinthians' salvation.

Praise is offered less for the gift itself than for the spiritual virtues of the donors expressed in the gift.

Covetousness is sin. Covetousness is greed and greed is idolatry, idolatry of self.

Paul wrote, "and my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (**Philippians 4:19** CSB)

This is not wealth and health prosperity false teaching that we see so much of these days. God's supply for the giver is so they will have an abundance for every good deed. **Deuteronomy 15:10-11**, "10 Give to him, and don't have a stingy heart when you give, and because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you do. 11 For there will never cease to be poor people in the land; that is why I am commanding you, 'Open your hand willingly to your poor and needy brother in your land.'"

Christians are rewarded in three ways for their generosity.

- (1) The givers are enriched (**vv 6-10**)
- (2) The receivers' needs are met (**vv 11-12**)
- (3) God, the source of all blessing is praised (**vv 13-15**)

**Application:**

**Proverbs 11:24-25** (CSB), "One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor. A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water."

**Psalms 112**, (CSB) "Hallelujah! Happy is the person who fears the Lord, taking great delight in his commands. 2 His descendants will be powerful in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright. He is gracious, compassionate, and righteous. 5 Good will come to the one who lends generously and conducts his business fairly. 6 He will

never be shaken. The righteous one will be remembered forever. 7 He will not fear bad news; his heart is confident, trusting in the Lord. 8 His heart is assured; he will not fear. In the end he will look in triumph on his foes. 9 He distributes freely to the poor; his righteousness endures forever. His horn will be exalted in honor. 10 The wicked one will see it and be angry; he will gnash his teeth in despair. The desire of the wicked leads to ruin.”

**Proverbs 19:17** (CSB) “Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord, and he will give a reward to the lender.”

**Malachi 3:10** (CSB), “10 Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way,” says the Lord of Armies. “See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.”

**Luke 6:38**, (CSB) “38 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 back to you.” These are the words of Jesus!