

The Cheerful Giver/God Will Also Do That For You

November 14th and 17th, 2019

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⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

⁹ As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now 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. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Read and Discuss

Introduction

Pastor Jacob continued his message series The Cheerful Giver based on Paul’s words in 2 Corinthians 9.6-15. This week’s message focused on the idea that the God who has done great things in the past will do great things for you too.

Engage the Scripture

- Jacob shared several stories of God’s amazing acts in scripture. The tag line after each story was the theme of this week’s message—God will also do that for you. What stories of God’s action in the Bible or in the lives of others would you like to see worked in our life as well?
- Jacob shared a personal story of a young neighbor who committed suicide leading to a dark season in Jacob’s life. Exactly one year later, Jacob’s first daughter was born. Sometimes the promises of God can get lost in our situations and confusion. When have you lost sight of the promises of God to do good things for you? What has reminded you of God’s promises?

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- Read 2 Corinthians 9.10-11. Notice how Paul moves from the macro level to the micro level, from the general to the specific. He goes from unnamed sower of seeds to...you! What God gives you is not just the fruit, but the seed of God's blessing to be sown through your life. What are the "seeds" of blessing that God has given to you? What keeps you from sowing them freely?
- Sowing seeds is not always the most glamorous or instantly rewarding part of the growth process. But the promise of abundance is activated the moment the seed hits the ground. So what do we do while waiting for the harvest? Plan our generosity! How do you hope to give away the riches (whatever they may be) that God gives you? How do you plan out your generosity?

Pray

God you are the giver of good seed, thank you for giving generously to me. Help me to sow with that which you have given me. May it result in a great harvest. I believe that what you have done through Jesus, you will also do in me. Amen