

God's Way of Meeting Your Needs

2 Corinthians 9:6-13

"My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Ph. 4:19

1. The Principle: _____

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Cor. 9:6 (See Luke 6:38)

2. The Procedure: _____

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

Four attitudes God desires:

- _____ "...what he has decided in his heart..."
- _____ "...not reluctantly..."
- _____ "...or under compulsion (pressure)..."
- _____ "...God loves a cheerful giver."

How to have a cheerful attitude:

- Remember _____ (v. 10)
- Remember _____ (v. 11)

Why does God love a cheerful giver?

3. The Promise: _____

*"And 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." 2 Cor. 9:8*

The results of following God's plan:

"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." 2 Cor. 9:11

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Cor. 9:12

How to prove God exists:

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **Test me** in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out **so much blessing** that you will not have room enough for it!" Mal. 3:10*

Daily Meditations

Here's a chance to "take it home": Thought provoking questions about this weekend's topic!

This week's memory verse: *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Cor. 9:6*

Monday

Reread 2 Corinthians 9:6-9. Paul writes that people should not give "reluctantly or under compulsion". Yet many give exactly that way! In fact, many preachers try to put people under "compulsion" to give. What methods do they use?

Why do you suppose they do this?

How do their methods differ from Paul's in this passage?

How is it possible to be a truly cheerful giver?

Ask God to help you give with no pressure, but cheerfully.

Tuesday

Read 2 Cor. 9:10-15. What does Paul say are the many good things that result from a gift given cheerfully for the ministry? List them here:

A classic hymn says, "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise!" There is only one way to have more than one tongue to declare God's praises, and Paul talks about it in this passage. How does he say we can increase the praises sung to God on this earth?

Ask God for wisdom and dedication in your giving decisions.

Wednesday

Read Luke 6:38. What do you think Jesus means by “it will be given to you”? Does he mean you’ll get back in cash all you contribute? Why or why not?

Is Jesus promising financial prosperity?

What else could he mean?

Ask the Lord to help you trust His promise to outlive you when you give! Ask Him to help you live a life of generosity in faith that He will supply.

Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving! List ten things for which you are grateful today:

Read Matthew 6:19-21. What do you think Jesus means here?

Where are you investing most of your time, talents, and treasures?

In what sense is your “heart” there?

How does the location of your treasure determine your spiritual state?

How does thanksgiving help us to recalibrate our hearts and remind us to put our treasure in the right place?

Spend some time in prayer just thanking God today for His many gifts to you! Ask God to help you do an honest heart evaluation: Where is your treasure? Ask God where and how you need to invest more time in eternal things.

Friday

Examine Malachi 3:8-12. Though this was written specifically to Israelites regarding the Old testament tithe, do you think the principle still applies to you today? If so, in what way?

Have you ever had an experience where you gave to God’s work and in some extra way your life was then blessed? What happened?

Read Proverbs 3:9. Why the emphasis on first fruits, or the first part of your income?

How can we give God the first part these days?

Prayerfully determine the amount the Lord wants you to give, and to whom. Pray that the Lord will continue to do great things through TLC this weekend. Thank you!

Saturday

Look over the devotions and finish up any you’ve missed. Ask God to show you how you can bless others through your giving for the rest of this year!

Thanks for your prayers for the weekend services. Please ask God to bless all the many Christmas activities at the church-- that believers would be newly inspired to worship God and that seekers would find Jesus as their Savior! Thanks!