

2 Corinthians 9:1-15 “God Loves Hilarious Givers”

- **Sacrificial Lifestyles** – the example Jesus left us to follow
 - Everything is the Lord’s
Job 41:11 Who has preceded Me, that I should pay *him*? **Everything under heaven is Mine.**
 - We love to give Him the gratitude He deserves
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
16 Rejoice always,
17 pray without ceasing,
18 **in everything give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- **Reap – Sow principle** – a universal truth that applies to almost everything
 - Harvest of Like kind
 - Harvest of Abundance: no matter what you sow – a hundred fold
 - Abundant blessings
 - Abundant corruptions

Luke 6:37-38

37 “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. **For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.**”

Galatians 6:7-10

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; **for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**

8 For he who **sows to his flesh** will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who **sows to the Spirit** will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say: **He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

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2 for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.

3 Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready;

4 lest if *some* Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting.

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which *you had* previously promised, that it may be ready as *a matter of* generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men,

14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you.

15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

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- **ACHAIA** — the name originally of a narrow strip of territory in Greece, on the north-west of the Peloponnesus. Subsequently it was applied by the Romans to the whole Peloponnesus, now called the Morea, and the south of Greece. **It was then one of the two provinces (Macedonia being the other) into which they divided the country when it fell under their dominion.** It is in this latter enlarged meaning that the name is always used in the New Testament (Acts 18:12, 27; 19:21; Rom. 15:26; 16:5, etc.).¹
- The whole southern region of Greece was influenced by Corinth's faithfulness.

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Malachi 3:10-12

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your

¹Easton, M. (1996, c1897). *Easton's Bible dictionary*. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the LORD of hosts;
12 And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land,” Says the LORD of hosts.

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Proverbs 11:24 There is *one* who scatters, yet increases more; **And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty.**

Proverbs 19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.

- **“As he purposes in his heart”:**
 - We are called to give from our heart, not our mind
 - Minds should follow our Holy Spirit inspired hearts
 - Lord rule our hearts!
- **“Give”:**
 - Not grudgingly
 - Not of necessity
 - Cheerfully
 - Our word “hilarious” comes from *ἡλαρον* [*hilaron*] which is from *ἡλαος* [*hilaos*] (propitious), an old and common adjective, only here in N.T. ²

8 And **God is able to make all grace abound** toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

- “all” – used three times in this verse
 - God forces grace to abound against all odds
 - Against all common sensibilities

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- God cares for the poor

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- God's commitment to bless the seed we sow

- Multiply your supply
- Multiply your bread
- Multiply your seed
- Multiply your harvest
- Multiply your righteousness

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