

BIBLICAL ECONOMICS

THE MINISTRY AND ITS FINANCIAL INTEGRITY, [2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15](#)

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[2 Corinthians 9:6-15 \(NASB\)](#)

⁶ Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷ Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

⁹ as it is written, “HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.”

¹⁰ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

¹¹ you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

¹² For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

¹³ Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,

¹⁴ while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

To motivate the Corinthians to give, Paul gave a **fivefold description** of the harvest that would result: 1) **love from God**, 2) **generosity from God**, 3) **glory to God**, 4) **friends from God**, and 5) **likeness to God**.

1) Love from God

[2 Corinthians 9:7 \(NASB\)](#)

⁷ “**Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**”

It is hard to imagine a more precious promise than to be the personal object of God's love. All the world's acclaim, honor, and rewards given to all philanthropists put together does not come close to this privilege of being loved by God. Yet that is what He promises the **cheerful giver**. God loves the world in a general sense (**John 3:16**), but He has a deeper, more wonderful love for His own (**John 13:1; 1 John 4:16**), and a special love for **each one** of His who gives cheerfully.

John 3:16 (NASB)

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 13:1 (NASB)

¹“Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”

1 John 4:16 (NASB)

¹⁶“We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”

Cheerful giving comes from inside, from the heart, rather than from external coercion. It begins by giving **just as** one **has purposed in his heart**. Once again, Paul stressed the truth that Christian giving is strictly voluntary (see the previous discussion of **2 Corinthians 8:3** in this teaching). But though it is not forced, neither is it **casual**, **careless**, or a **mere afterthought**. *Proaireō* (purposed), used only here in the New Testament, has the idea of predetermination. Though there is spontaneous joy in giving, it is still to be planned and systematic (**1 Corinthians 16:2**), not impulsive and sporadic.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NASB)

²“On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.”

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NASB)

⁷“Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not **grudgingly** or **under compulsion**, for God loves **a cheerful giver**.”

Nor is giving to be done **grudgingly**. *Lupē* (grudgingly) literally means, “sorrow,” “grief,” or “pain.” Giving is not to be done with an attitude of **remorse**, **regret**, or **reluctance**, of mourning over parting with what is given. And, as noted above, it is not to be **under compulsion** from any legalistic external pressure.

The giving that God approves of comes from **a cheerful giver**. **Cheerful** translates *hilaros*, from which the English word *hilarious* derives. Happy, joyous givers, who are joyous in view of the privilege of giving, are the special objects of God's love.

2) Generosity from God

2 Corinthians 9:8-11a (NASB)

⁸ And God is able to make **all** grace abound to you, so that always having **all** sufficiency in **everything**, you may have an **abundance** for **every** good deed;

⁹ as it is written, “HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.”

¹⁰ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

¹¹ you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

While it is possible to give without loving, *it is not possible to love without giving*. God gives His Son to all believers, but as previously noted, He blesses in a unique way the generous, cheerful giver. In fact, He blesses such believers on such a grand, immense, staggering scale that it beggars language to express it. Trying to convey the magnanimity of God’s generosity, Paul resorted to hyperbole, using a form of the word *pas* (all) five times in [verse 8](#). God’s gracious giving has no limits; it is off the scale.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB)

⁸ “And God **is able** to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.”

Since giving naturally seems to result in having less, not more, it takes faith to believe that giving will open up God’s blessing. Christians must believe that what God has promised to do He **is able** to do. *Dunateō* (is able) literally means “has power.” God’s power is great ([Deuteronomy 4:37](#); [Deuteronomy 9:29](#); [Nehemiah 1:10](#); [Psalm 66:3](#); [Psalm 79:11](#); [Jeremiah 32:17](#); [Nahum 1:3](#); [Revelation 11:17](#)) and is exhibited in creation, providence, miracles, salvation, the resurrections of Jesus Christ and believers, and in the eternal destruction of the wicked in hell.

Deuteronomy 4:37 (NASB)

³⁷ “Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them. And He personally brought you from Egypt by His great **power**.”

Deuteronomy 9:29 (NASB)

²⁹ “Yet they are Your people, even Your inheritance, whom You have brought out by Your great **power** and Your outstretched arm.”

Nehemiah 1:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ “They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great **power** and by Your strong hand.”

Psalm 66:3 (NASB)

³ “Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your **power** Your enemies will give feigned obedience to You.”

Psalm 79:11 (NASB)

¹¹“Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; According to the greatness of Your **power** preserve those who are doomed to die.”

Jeremiah 32:17 (NASB)

¹⁷“Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great **power** and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You.”

Nahum 1:3 (NASB)

³“The LORD is slow to anger and great in **power**, And the LORD will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished. In whirlwind and storm is His way, And clouds are the dust beneath His feet.”

Revelation 11:17 (NASB)

¹⁷“Saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great **power** and have begun to reign.”

Not surprisingly, then, Paul expressed his concern “that [the Corinthians'] faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the **power** of God” ([1 Corinthians 2:5 NASB](#)).

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB)

⁸“And God **is able** to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.”

Human wisdom teaches that prosperity comes from grasping for wealth, not from giving it away. But faith trusts in God’s promise to bless the giver and in His ability to keep His promises, knowing that He is able to:

Ephesians 3:20 (NASB)

²⁰“Now to Him who is able to **do far more abundantly beyond all that [believers] we ask or think**, according to the power that works within us.”

But faith trusts in God’s promise to bless the giver and in His ability to keep His promises, knowing that He is able to: **guard and preserve them** ([2 Tim. 1:12](#); [Heb. 7:25](#); [Jude 24](#)).

2 Timothy 1:12 (NASB)

¹²“For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that **He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.**”

Hebrews 7:25 (NASB)

²⁵“Therefore **He is able also to save forever** those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Jude 1:24 (NASB)

24 “Now to **Him who is able to keep you from stumbling**, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy.”

But faith trusts in God’s promise to bless the giver and in His ability to keep His promises, knowing that He is able to: **help them when they are tempted** ([Heb. 2:18](#)),

Hebrews 2:18 (NASB)

18 “For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, **He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.**”

But faith trusts in God’s promise to bless the giver and in His ability to keep His promises, knowing that He is able to: **and raise them from the dead** ([Heb. 11:19](#)).

Hebrews 11:19 (NASB)

19 “He considered that **God is able to raise people even from the dead**, from which he also received him back as a type.”

Believers, like Abraham, must be “**fully assured that what God [has] promised, He [is] able also to perform**” ([Romans 4:21 NASB](#)).

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB)

8 “And God is able to **make all grace abound** to you, so that **always having all sufficiency in everything**, you may have **an abundance for every good deed.**”

God gives back magnanimously so as to **make all grace abound** to Christians who give generously. He gives so freely and abundantly that His children will **always have all sufficiency in everything**. In this context, that refers primarily to material resources, because the harvest must be of the same nature as the seed. Having sown material wealth by their giving, believers will reap an abundant harvest of material blessing in return. God graciously replenishes what they give so that they lack nothing; He will continuously provide the generous giver with the means of further expressing that generosity.

To the Cynic and Stoic philosophers of Paul’s day *autarkeia* (**sufficiency**) meant independence from people and circumstances. They viewed such independence as essential to true happiness. But the believer’s sufficiency does not come from independence from circumstances but rather from dependence on God. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, “**My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus**” ([Philippians 4:19 NASB](#)).

The reason God gives back to those who give is not, as prosperity teachers falsely imply and exemplify, so people can consume it on their own desires with bigger cars, homes, and jewels. God supplies them so they will have **an abundance for every good deed**. The Lord will fully supply cheerful givers with what they need to use for what is good work to the honor of the Lord. He constantly replenishes what they expend so the

cycle of giving and ministering to others can continue. Generous givers are the people whose lives are most full of righteous deeds.

2 Corinthians 9:9 (NASB)

⁹“**As it is written, “HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.”**”

Lest anyone think this was some radical new social welfare plan he had concocted, Paul cited [Psalm 112:9](#) to show this has always been God’s plan.

Psalm 112:9 (NASB)

⁹“**He has given freely to the poor, His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted in honor.”**”

The phrase **as it is written** is the standard New Testament way of introducing an Old Testament quote ([Mark 1:2](#); [Mark 7:6](#); [Luke 2:23](#); [Luke 3:4](#); [John 6:31](#); [John 12:14-15](#); [Acts 7:42](#); [Acts 15:15-17](#); [Romans 1:17](#); [Romans 2:24](#); [Romans 3:4, 10](#); [Romans 4:17](#); [Romans 8:36](#); [Romans 9:13, 33](#); [Romans 10:15](#); [Romans 11:8, 26](#); [Romans 15:3, 9, 21](#); [1 Corinthians 1:31](#); [1 Corinthians 2:9](#); [1 Corinthians 10:7](#)).

Mark 1:2 (NASB)

²“**As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY.”**”

Malachi 3:1 (NASB)

¹“**Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me.** And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts.”

Mark 7:6 (NASB)

⁶“And He said to them, “**Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.’**”

Isaiah 29:13 (NASB)

¹³“Then the Lord said, “**Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me,** And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned *by rote*.”

Luke 2:23 (NASB)

²³ (“**as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “EVERY *firstborn* MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD”**”).

Exodus 13:2 (NASB)

²“Sanctify to Me **every firstborn**, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me.”

Exodus 13:12 (NASB)

¹²“You shall devote to the LORD the first offspring of every womb, and the first offspring of every beast that you own; **the males belong to the LORD.**”

Numbers 3:13 (NASB)

¹³“For all the firstborn are Mine; on the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, **I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel**, from man to beast. They shall be Mine; I am the LORD.”

Numbers 8:17 (NASB)

¹⁷“For **every firstborn among the sons of Israel is Mine**, among the men and among the animals; on the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt **I sanctified them for Myself.**”

Luke 3:4 (NASB)

⁴“**As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet**, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.’”

Isaiah 40:3 (NASB)

³“A voice is calling, “**Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.**”

John 6:31 (NASB)

³¹“Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; **as it is written**, ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’”

Psalms 78:24 (NASB)

²⁴ He rained down manna upon them to eat And **gave them food from heaven.**”

Exodus 16:4 (NASB)

⁴“Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, **I will rain bread from heaven for you**; and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.”

Exodus 16:15 (NASB)

¹⁵“When the sons of Israel saw *it*, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “**It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.**”

Nehemiah 9:15 (NASB)

¹⁵“**You provided bread from heaven for them for their hunger**, You brought forth water from a rock for them for their thirst, And You told them to enter in order to possess The land which You swore to give them.”

Psalms 105:40 (NASB)

⁴⁰“They asked, and He brought quail, **And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.**”

John 12:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ “Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; **as it is written,**

¹⁵ “**FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY’S COLT.**”

Zechariah 9:9 (NASB)

⁹ “**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**”

Acts 7:42 (NASB)

⁴² “**But God turned away and delivered them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, ‘IT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?’**”

Amos 5:25 (NASB)

²⁵ “**Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel?’**”

Acts 15:15-17 (NASB)

¹⁵ “**With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written,**

¹⁶ “**AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT,**

¹⁷ **SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME.**”

Amos 9:11 (NASB)

¹¹ “**In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old.**”

Jeremiah 12:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ “**And it will come about that after I have uprooted them, I will again have compassion on them; and I will bring them back, each one to his inheritance and each one to his land.**”

Amos 9:12 (NASB)

¹² “**That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name,**” Declares the LORD who does this.”

Deuteronomy 28:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ “**So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you.**”

Isaiah 45:21 (NASB)

²¹ “**Declare and set forth your case; Indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me.**”

Romans 1:17 (NASB)

¹⁷“For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; **as it is written**, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

Habakkuk 2:4 (NASB)

⁴“Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.”

Romans 2:24 (NASB)

²⁴“For ‘THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU,’ **just as it is written.**”

Isaiah 52:5 (NASB)

⁵“Now therefore, what do I have here,” declares the LORD, “seeing that My people have been taken away without cause?” *Again* the LORD declares, “Those who rule over them howl, **and My name is continually blasphemed all day long.**”

Ezekiel 36:20 (NASB)

²⁰“When they came to the nations where they went, **they profaned My holy name**, because it was said of them, ‘These are the people of the LORD; yet they have come out of His land.’”

Romans 3:4 (NASB)

⁴“May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar, **as it is written**, “THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED.”

Psalms 116:11 (NASB)

¹¹“I said in my alarm, “**All men are liars.**”

Psalms 51:4 (NASB)

⁴“Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that **You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.**”

Romans 3:10 (NASB)

¹⁰“**As it is written**, ‘THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE.’”

Psalms 14:1-3 (NASB)

¹“The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; **There is no one who does good.**

²The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God.

³They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; **There is no one who does good, not even one.**”

Psalms 53:1-3 (NASB)

¹“The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God,” They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice; **There is no one who does good.**

²God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if

there is anyone who understands, Who seeks after God.
³ Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt; **There is no one who does good, not even one.**”

Romans 4:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ (“**As it is written**, ‘A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU’) in the presence of Him whom he believed, *even* God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.”

Genesis 17:5 (NASB)

⁵ “No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; **For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.**”

Isaiah 48:13 (NASB)

¹³ “Surely My hand founded the earth, And My right hand spread out the heavens; **When I call to them, they stand together.**”

Isaiah 51:2 (NASB)

² “Look to Abraham your father And to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain; **When he was but one I called him**, Then I blessed him and multiplied him.”

Romans 8:36 (NASB)

³⁶ “**Just as it is written**, ‘FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.’”

Psalms 44:22 (NASB)

²² “But **for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.**”

Romans 9:13 (NASB)

¹³ “**Just as it is written**, ‘JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED.’”

Malachi 1:2-3 (NASB)

² “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have You loved us?” “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “**Yet I have loved Jacob.**

³ **but I have hated Esau**, and I have made his mountains a desolation and *appointed* his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness.”

Romans 9:33 (NASB)

³³ “**Just as it is written**, ‘BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.’”

Isaiah 28:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “**Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone**, A costly cornerstone *for* the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes *in it* will not be disturbed.”

Isaiah 8:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ “Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of

Israel, a stone to strike **and a rock to stumble over**, *And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*”

Romans 10:15 (NASB)

¹⁵“How will they preach unless they are sent? **Just as it is written**, ‘HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!’”

Isaiah 52:7 (NASB)

⁷“How lovely on the mountains **Are the feet of him who brings good news**, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, *And says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”*”

Romans 11:8 (NASB)

⁸“**Just as it is written**, ‘GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY.’”

Deuteronomy 29:4 (NASB)

⁴“Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.”

Romans 11:26 (NASB)

²⁶“And so all Israel will be saved; **just as it is written**, ‘THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.’”

Isaiah 59:20 (NASB)

²⁰“A Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” declares the LORD.”

Romans 15:3 (NASB)

³“For even Christ did not please Himself; **but as it is written**, ‘THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME.’”

Psalms 69:9 (NASB)

⁹“For zeal for Your house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.”

Romans 15:9 (NASB)

⁹“And for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; **as it is written**, ‘THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES, AND I WILL SING TO YOUR NAME.’”

2 Samuel 22:50 (NASB)

⁵⁰“Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the nations, And I will sing praises to Your name.”

Psalms 18:49 (NASB)

⁴⁹“Therefore I will give thanks to You among the nations, O LORD, And I will sing praises to Your name.”

Romans 15:21 (NASB)

²¹ “**But as it is written**, ‘THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE, AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND.’”

Isaiah 52:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ “Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what had not been told them they will see, And what they had not heard they will understand.”

1 Corinthians 1:31 (NASB)

³¹ “So that, **just as it is written**, ‘LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.’”

Jeremiah 9:23 (NASB)

²³ “Thus says the LORD, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches”

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NASB)

⁹ “**But just as it is written**, ‘THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.’”

Isaiah 64:4 (NASB)

⁴ “For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, Nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.”

Isaiah 65:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.”

1 Corinthians 10:7 (NASB)

⁷ “Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; **as it is written**, ‘THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY.’

Exodus 32:4 (NASB)

⁴ “He took *this* from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, “This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.”

Exodus 32:6 (NASB)

⁶ “So the next day they rose early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.”

Exodus 32:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ “It came about, as soon as Moses came near the camp, that he saw the calf and *the* dancing; and Moses’ anger burned, and he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain.”

2 Corinthians 9:9 (NASB)

⁹“As it is written, “HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.”

Because the generous giver scatter[s] abroad and gives to the poor, his righteousness endures forever. God will replenish and reward him both in time and eternity.

Deuteronomy 15:10-11 also illustrates this point. In **verse 10** God declared through Moses,

Deuteronomy 15:10 (NASB)

¹⁰“You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings.

Those who were generous to the needy received God’s material blessings. But the purpose was not so that they could be like the rich fool in Jesus’ parable, who said, **“¹⁸This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry’” (Luke 12:18-19 NASB).**

Verse 11 reveals the purpose of God’s blessing. Moses reminded his hearers that:

Deuteronomy 15:11 (NASB)

¹¹“For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.’”

God’s constant resupply allowed them to continually give to meet the needs of others.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NASB)

¹⁰“Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.”

Paul reinforced his point with a third Old Testament quote, this one from **Isaiah 55:10**. That generous giving will impoverish no one is evident since **He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply their seed for sowing.**

Isaiah 55:10 (NASB)

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater.”

God is the One **who supplies seed to the sower** because He created all the earth’s vegetation (**Genesis 1:11-12**).

Genesis 1:11-12 (NASB)

¹¹ “Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so.

¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.”

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ “Now He who supplies seed to the sower and **bread for food** will supply and multiply your **seed for sowing** and increase the harvest of your righteousness.”

Thus, He provides the grain that provides **bread for food**. The same God who provides seed for the harvest in the natural world will **multiply** generous givers’ **seed for sowing**. They sow the seed and then reap the harvest, which in turn provides more seed for sowing in an ever-expanding cycle. The ultimate harvest of generous giving is not only eternal reward, but also temporal blessing in this life for those who “**sow with a view to righteousness, [and] reap in accordance with kindness**” ([Hosea 10:12](#)).

Hosea 10:12 (NASB)

¹² “**Sow with a view to righteousness, Reap in accordance with kindness**; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.”

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NASB)

¹¹ “You **will be enriched in everything for all liberality**, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.”

They **will be enriched in everything**, equipping them **for all liberality** in their giving.