



Today's Message

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Title: *The Inexpressible Gift*

Text: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15 (ESV)

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He 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. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Introduction: Paul brings his discussion of the offering for believers in Jerusalem to a conclusion in today's text. He summarizes the principles that should guide the Corinthians and the benefits that their giving will produce. The idea we find in this text is simple, yet profound:

Today's take-home truth: Generous giving from the heart reaps great benefits.

I. God wants us to give generously. 6

II. God expects us to give from the heart. 7

Generous giving should be:

- A. Personal
- B. Voluntary
- C. Intentional
- D. Free
- E. Cheerful

III. God uses our giving to bring great benefits. 8-15

- A. God takes care of those who give generously. 8-10
- B. God uses our giving to increase thanksgiving toward Him. 11-12
- C. God uses our giving to unify the church and advance the gospel. 13-15