

Bible Study 18 – Paul’s example of generosity – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Money is my shepherd; I lack nothing. It allows me to lie down in my luxury bed. It leads me to acquire waterfront property. As long as I manage to hang onto it, it will restore my soul. It leads me in paths of prosperity for my own sake. Even though I walk through the valley of an uncertain economy, I will fear no evil, for my money is with me; its interest and its dividends, they comfort me. My money prepares a table before me in the presence of my envious neighbors; it anoints my life with pleasant luxuries; my retirement savings account overflows. Surely prosperity and security shall follow me all the days of my life, & I shall dwell in a really nice house forever.

9The context	The problems in the church in Corinth (dealt with in the letter of 1 Corinthians) have for the most part been worked through, and Paul writes this letter to encourage them, to explain the love gift he is collecting for Judean Christians, and to defend his apostleship against critics who are speaking out against him. In Chapters 8-9 he urges them to complete their collection for the poor Christians in Jerusalem. Chapter 9:6-15 looks at the results of generous giving.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Cheerful giving (v.6-7)	
Greater productivity (v.8-10)	
Praise and thanksgiving (v.11-13)	
God’s gift (v.14-15)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?



3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. What is one of the fruits of generous giving to the needy (v.11-13)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

It is not God’s will that all become rich. Giving is an investment in God’s program. The more we give; the more God will provide for us to share with others. We can’t love without giving. The greatest gift is eternal salvation by the death of Christ.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points