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Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

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And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

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As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:9

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Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10

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You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

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This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12

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Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:13

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And in their prayers for you their hearts  
will go out to you, because of the  
surpassing grace God has given you.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:14

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Thanks be to God for His  
indescribable gift!

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

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# Proper Perspectives on Generous Giving

(9:6,7)

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# **Generosity Principles from the Bible**

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1. **Biblical generosity gives the first and the best to God.**
2. **Biblical generosity is regular and systematic.**
3. **Biblical generosity is proportional to our income.**
4. **Biblical generosity involves sacrifice.**
5. **Biblical generosity is thoughtful, voluntary, and worshipful.**

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Divine Capacity  
Toward Generous  
Givers (9:8-11)

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# Divine Capacity Toward Generous Givers

“When you accept the gift of your salvation, your whole life comes under the authority and guidance of God, including your money.”

JOHN CORTINES & GREGORY BAUMER

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## **Divine Capacity Toward Generous Givers**

**“If one gives in hopes of attaining greater material prosperity, then one will harvest only spiritual poverty. God rewards generosity with material abundance to make it possible for people to be even more generous.”**

DAVID GARLAND

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# Divine Capacity Toward Generous Givers

Generosity has a contagious, multiplying effect. It snowballs in its positive results.

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# Divine Capacity Toward Generous Givers

“The problem with being tight-fisted is that the closed fist prevents us from receiving anything more from God. When we are open handed with others, our hands are also open to receive more from God.”

DAVID GARLAND

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# Divine Capacity Toward Generous Givers

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# Multiplied Effects of Generous Givers

(9:12-14)

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## Multiplied Effects of Generous Givers

“The collection does more than ‘just’ meet practical needs; it also prompts people to turn to God in thanksgiving, and that response of thanks is having a ripple effect, drawing attention to the work of God in the world.”

GEORGE GUTHRIE

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# Multiplied Effects of Generous Givers

God is a multiplier. God can take modest means and meager sacrifice and produce a massive return on investment.

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## Multiplied Effects of Generous Givers

“The fear in our culture for generous giving is less that we won’t have enough to meet our needs but rather that we will have to give up comforts to which we have become accustomed.”

JOEL ZOOK

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# Multiplied Effects of Generous Givers

But godliness with contentment  
is great gain.

1 TIMOTHY 6:6

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# Multiplied Effects of Generous Givers

For we brought nothing into the world,  
and we can take nothing out of it.

1 TIMOTHY 6:7

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But if we have food and clothing,  
we will be content with that.

1 TIMOTHY 6:8

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Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

1 TIMOTHY 6:9

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For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 TIMOTHY 6:10

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Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17

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# Multiplied Effects of Generous Givers

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

1 TIMOTHY 6:18

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In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 TIMOTHY 6:19

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“God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.”

RANDY ALCORN

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# Multiplied Effects of Generous Givers

“Some of the most difficult tests come when we must prove ourselves obedient to God in times of relative prosperity.”

DAVID GARLAND

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# Ultimate Wellspring of Generosity (9:15)

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**When generosity  
abounds, the winners  
are all around.**

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# So where (to whom) should I give?

1. Are you caring for the needs of *your physical family*?
2. Are you contributing to the needs and the mission of *your spiritual family, the local church*?

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