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2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Enriched in every way by He who Supplies.

Verse 6: What are things that contribute to a good harvest in our area?

How much _____ you put in the ground is a basic indicator of how much you expect to _____. Paul uses a picture from the farm to show us what our gifts to the Lord are like.

What attitude toward giving/sewing results in a good harvest?

A _____ attitude.

Verses 7: Who should determine how much you give to the Lord?

Does God command us to tithe today? Y / N

What are examples you've seen of giving "reluctantly or out of compulsion" in your life or others?

What are examples you've seen of giving joyfully or "cheerfully" in your life or others?

What are good examples of giving in the Bible?

What are bad examples of giving in the Bible?

Verse 8: God wants our hearts first and foremost. Think of the first commandment. When we give gifts to the Lord for his service or to those in need, how are we showing trust in God?

Paul uses the word for "all, every" a ton in this verse. What is he impressing upon how our God treats us?

How did God prove his generosity in the greatest way, considering our greatest need?

Verse 9: Paul quotes Psalm 112:9, a psalm about the confidence a believer has in their God no matter the situation, and the generosity they share with others because they have full confidence in the Lord. As believers in Jesus, we can do this too! What will help embolden us to be cheerfully generous toward God and others?

What might that look like in my life going forward?

Verse 10: God gives seed and bread. It all belongs to him and he freely gives it to us. Why is this a good lesson for us as we consider how we use our treasure, our time, and our talents?

Our treasure is really his treasure. It all comes from him. Who in your life is/was a good example of giving cheerfully, trustingly, and in trust in the Lord?

Verse 11: Who gives generously to us so that we have generous hearts and can give generously?

God's encouragement for our giving today:
Note under each one what this looks like in your life.
1 – Give willingly. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

2 – Give regularly, planned and proportionate from what the Lord has given you. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

3 – Give as part of your worship. (Psalm 116:17-19).

4 – Give from the first part, not the leftovers. (Proverbs 3:9).

5 – Give generously trusting in our Generous God. (2 Corinthians 9:11, Matthew 6:31,33, Malachi 3:10).