

2 Corinthians



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What's in Your Wallet?

2 Corinthians 9

1 *There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. 2 For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. 2 Cor. 9:1-2*

3But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. 4For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident.

2 Cor. 9:3-4

5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given. 2 Cor. 9:5

3 BIBLICAL CONCEPTS ABOUT GIVING

- 1. The main principle behind giving is the Law of the Harvest**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Cor. 9:6

As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night.” Genesis 8:22

**You reap more than you sow –
2 Cor. 9:6**

**You reap after you sow –
2 Cor. 9:6**

**You reap based on how much you
sow – 2 Cor. 9:6**

2. The perspective of giving – 2 Cor. 9:7

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 Cor. 9:7

3. The purpose of giving

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2 Cor. 9:8 NLT

***God cannot fill our hands if they are
already full – Unknown Poet***

10 “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? Luke 16:10-11

2 Cor. 9:9-11 NLT

⁹*As the Scriptures say,*

“They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.”^[d]

10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 2 Cor.9:10

11 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 9:9-11

**It is God who supplies you with the
seed**

**It is God who increases your store of
seed**

**It is God who enlarges your harvest of
righteousness**

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

Apply the Word:

What key principle did you learn about giving?

What next step will you take to honor God in your giving?

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