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**CHEERFUL AND SACRIFICIAL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

**As we consider our subject today:**

- Can we call others to imitate our sacrifices?
- Can we call others to imitate our cheerful sacrifices?

**What's going on in 2 Corinthians 8-9?**

- Paul is writing to the Corinthians to stir on their cheerful sacrifice for the sake of those in Jerusalem. The Gentile congregations have an opportunity to minister to the Jerusalem congregations and so bear with and ease the burden they are experiencing.
- Paul lets the Corinthians know of the grace of God at work in the Macedonian churches. (8:1-6)

**Passage in a Sentence:** All of our giving should be cheerful and sacrificial through the means of God's grace and with the motive of God's glory.

- I. FOR THOSE CALLED TO GIVE CHEERFULLY AND SACRIFICIALLY, PAUL OFFERS SOME GODLY PRINCIPLES. (9:6-7)**
  - a. We reap in proportion to how we sow.
  - b. We give according to our conscience/compassion and not because of compulsion.
  - c. God loves a cheerful giver.
  
- II. WE CAN GIVE CHEERFULLY AND SACRIFICIALLY BECAUSE GOD PROVIDES RESOURCES. (9:8-11)**
  - a. Whether it comes to offerings or other opportunities to serve/sacrifice in some way, I think a lot of people see God more as a taker than a giver but...
    - i. God gives before we give. (9:8, 10)
    - ii. God gives so we can give. (9:8, 10)
    - iii. God gives after we give. (9:9-11)

**III. AS WE GIVE CHEERFULLY AND SACRIFICIALLY, GOD PRODUCES RESULTS.**

**(9:12-14)**

- a. The needs of the saints are met. (9:12)
- b. Many thanksgivings are offered to God. (9:11-12)
- c. The reality of the Gospel in us is affirmed. (9:13)
- d. Prayers are offered for us. (9:14)
- e. God is glorified. (9:13)

**IV. WE GIVE CHEERFULLY AND SACRIFICIALLY KNOWING GOD PROMISES REWARDS.**