

God's Abundant Grace: Second Corinthians

17 – THE REWARD FOR GENEROSITY (2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15)

I. The Impending Visit (2 Corinthians 9:1-5)

A. No need for Reminder (2 Corinthians 9:1-2)

- Paul feels that he doesn't need to write them about the need.
- Paul points out that they already know about the need and their commitment to meet it.

B. The Purpose of the Brethren's Visit (2 Corinthians 9:3-4)

1. To Remind (2 Corinthians 9:3)

- The brethren were sent to encourage them to fulfill their commitment.

2. To Spare Them Shame (2 Corinthians 9:4)

- Paul wants to spare them embarrassment when he comes with the Macedonians.

C. Paul's Motive (2 Corinthians 9:5)

- Paul wants to give them the opportunity to give with the right attitude.

II. The Issue of Giving (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

A. The Principle of Giving (2 Corinthians 9:6)

- The blessing of God is proportionate to the level of giving.

B. The Attitude in Giving (2 Corinthians 9:7)

- Paul calls the readers to give from their hearts.
- They are to give cheerfully, not begrudgingly.

III. God's Role in Giving (2 Corinthians 9:8-10)

A. The Enablement of God (2 Corinthians 9:8)

- God is able to provide you with everything that you need to give.

B. The Provision of God (2 Corinthians 9:9-10)

- God will provide for all of your needs, including your gifts for His work.

IV. The Principle of Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:11-13)

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A. The Purpose of Our Resources (2 Corinthians 9:11a)

- Paul points out that our resources were given to us in order to be given away.

B. The Result of Our Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:11b-13)

1. Paul's Thanksgiving (2 Corinthians 9:11b)

- Paul stated that their giving would produce thanksgiving from him.

2. A Dual Effect (2 Corinthians 9:12)

- Their giving would benefit others in two areas.
- It would meet their needs as well as produce thanksgiving.

3. Glory is Given to God (2 Corinthians 9:13)

- Their obedience in giving brings glory to God.

V. The Prayer of Those Who are Served (2 Corinthians 9:14-15)

A. The Prayers for the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 9:14)

- Paul states that because of their gift, they will be prayed for by those who have benefited.

B. Paul's Thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 9:15)

- Paul concludes by thanking God for His gift through Jesus.