

Sermon Title:

“Giving As An Act Of Worship”

(Part 2)

Sermon Text:

II Corinthians 9:1-15

Introduction:

*Today we move from **motivation** to **instruction** – from the **why** to the **how** of Biblical giving.*

- *There are 7 factors that have been divinely designed to guide and govern our giving to God:*

I. When We Give, We Are To Give **Generously** (9:6)

- *The ‘laws of harvest’ operate not only in the **natural** realm, but they also operate in the **spiritual** realm.*
- *The bottom line is that you’ll reap **what** you sow; you’ll always reap **more** than you so; you’ll only reap **if** you so; and the more you sow the **more** you’ll reap!*
- *Luke 6:38; Proverbs 11:25*

II. When We Give, We Are To Give **Individually** (9:7a)

- *The phrase “each one” clearly places the responsibility of giving squarely on the shoulders of **each** and **every** Christian.*
- *The basis of our giving is not so much determined by **what we have**, rather it is determined by **who we are!***
- *II Corinthians 8:12-14*
- *In v 14 Paul wasn’t talking about equality in **how much** is to be given, but equality in our **responsibility** to give!*

II. When We Give, We Are To Give **Thoughtfully** (9:7b)

- *The Greek word translated “**decided**” is a word that means, “**to choose before hand.**”*
- *I Corinthians 16:1-2*
 - *When* we are supposed to give?
 - *Who* is supposed to give?
 - *Where* we are supposed to give?
 - *What* we are supposed to give?
- *If we don’t give our problem is not a lack of **clarity**, our problem is a lack of **conformity** to the will of God!*

IV. When We Give, We Are To Give Willingly (9:7c)

- *The Greek word translated “reluctantly” is a word that actually means “out of pain, or sorrow.”*
- The phrase “*under compulsion*” refers to being pressured into doing something.
- *Psalm 116:12*

“When we give there ought to be a sense of eagerness, an earnest desire, and a longing in our hearts!”

V. When We Give, We Are To Give Joyfully (9:7d)

- *The word translated “cheerful” is a word that is better translated “hilarious.”*
- In our decision to give Lord, there should be absolutely no remorse, no regrets and no restraints!

Have YOU experienced the joy of giving?

VI. When We Give We Are To Give Confidently (9:8-11)

- *A lot of Christians don't give because they're afraid that they won't have enough left to meet their needs.*

“We have absolutely no reason NOT to trust God, but every reason in the world TO trust Him!”

- As Christians we are to give in faith believing that God will do what He has promised to do.
- *Philippians 4:19*

VII. When We Give, We Are To Give Thankfully (9:11-15)

- These verses literally resonate with the air of thanksgiving.
- *The fundamental principle that Paul is stressing here is that our giving to God is the expression of our gratitude and thanksgiving to God!*
- In v 15 Paul is saying that every time that we give with thankfulness we are reflecting the unspeakable love of God who gave His Son for the salvation of sinful men.

We are never more God-like then when we give like God.

Conclusion:

The true measure of our yieldedness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ is seen in our Christian stewardship!