

GIVING

Review the following verses, and check them off after quoting them correctly from memory.

1 John 5:11-12	Matthew 6:33
John 16:24	Philippians 4:13
1 Corinthians 10:13	Psalms 119:9,11
1 John 1:9	John 13:34-35
Proverbs 3:5-6	

Memorize 2 Corinthians 9:7

Giving

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

God has inexhaustible riches available for his children. We are heirs to all he possesses, for "if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17).

God is eager to share these riches with us: "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).

Everything you have is from God. You can show your gratitude to God by generously giving yourself - your time, your possessions, your talents, and your money - to those who have needs.

Giving is sharing what God has given to us. We cannot give more than God will give back to us. Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you " (Luke 6:38).

As you memorize 2 Corinthians 9:7, think of specific and practical ways to share with others what God has freely given you.

EXPLORING 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

What attitudes toward giving are pleasing to God?

What attitudes should you avoid?

"EACH MAN SHOULD GIVE WHAT HE HAS DECIDED"

1. Paraphrase 2 Corinthians 9:6

2. What did Jesus say about spiritual treasure and material wealth in Matthew 6:19-21?

3. What warning did Jesus give in Luke 12:15?

Why do you think he issued this warning?

4. According to Acts 20:35, what did Jesus say about giving?

"NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION"

5. Read Matthew 6:1-4 and describe the manner of giving that God blesses.

6. Read Exodus 35:4-5. What attitude does God desire us to have as we give?

7. In 1 Chronicles 29:9, what was the people's response after they gave to God?

How had they given?

8. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. How should Jesus' example motivate us to give liberally?

9. In I Corinthians 16:1-2, what plan did Paul propose for regular giving?

"GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER"

10. Read Luke 21:1-4. How did Jesus view the widow's small gift?

11. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-15. What is promised to those who give cheerfully (verse 8)?

What will God do for generous givers (verses 10-11)?

12. From Philippians 4:18-19, list some results of giving to others.

WRITE OUT 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 FROM MEMORY

APPLYING 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

What has God given you that you can share with others?

Consider your giving in the past. What is a specific way you could increase your giving to God's work or to those in need?
