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Message Info

Title:

Remember This!

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2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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Theme: Remember the truth of God's gracious generosity as you give.

Introduction: The Covid pandemic revealed the great disparities between the modern West and Africa. Those who rely on daily labor for daily food could not isolate and lack down. They had to keep working in order to live. Similarly, the Apostle Paul was addressing great financial need within the early church during his apostolic travels. Second Corinthians 8-9 is some of the most comprehensive teaching on Christian giving and, remarkably, it contains no commands to give.

Here are 3 G's that motivate Christian generosity:

1. Gracious command

Paul does not command generosity. Instead, he links it to God's gracious generosity toward us.

He does not want us to give under compulsion, but in response to God's grace, which produces willingness in us.

God loves a cheerful giver (v. 7b).

2. Generous promise

The promise: bountiful sowing will produce bountiful reaping. God will supply and multiply (v. 10). We will be enabled to be generous (v. 11).

The biblical logic is that generous giving produces an abundant harvest which produces greater generosity, all because God is faithful to his promises.

3. Gospel fruit

Our generosity itself is a gospel fruit, bringing glory to God (v. 13).

Our giving also bears fruit, as the Lord uses our gifts for his purposes (vv. 12-13).

As the Lord blesses our giving, he produces exponential effects.

Questions:

1. How do you want to grow in generosity?
2. Are you giving cheerfully? Or do you struggle to give?
3. How has the Lord been generous to you?