

"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

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Forward in Grace with Gratitude, part 5

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*⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.***

⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

- **Give freely, joyfully**

- *This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!* Psalm 118:24

- **Cheerful Living**

- **"God loves a cheerful giver," writes Paul to the Church in Corinth. ()**

- **The Boy and the Beggar**

- **Happy, joyful, cheerful, or hilarious**

- **Gratitude for what God has done for us**

- *This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.* 2 Cor. 9:12 (NIV) 2 Cor. 9:7

- **"Giving makes me more like God."**
- **"Giving draws me closer to God."**
- **"Giving breaks the grip of materialism."**
- **"Giving strengthens my faith."**
- **"Giving is an investment in eternity."**
- **"Giving blesses me in return."**
- **"Giving makes me happy."**

- **Like faith found under a fig tree**

- *Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.* John 16:33

- *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!* 2 Corinthians 9:15

- *I have said these things that my joy will be in you, and your joy will be complete.* John 15:11

- **Giving it all away, or not**

- **Prayer**