

THE BOUNTY OF HEART PURPOSE GIVING
II COR. 9:6-15

Introduction:

- A. Paul has written to the Corinthians that they should prepare an offering for the Jerusalem saints.
 - 1. v8:11, "perform the doing of it."
 - 2. It would prove two things. v8:24.

[How much shall each person give?]

- B. The amount that each person gives is to be a matter of the heart.
 - 1. "every man according as he purposeth in his heart."
 - a. purposeth = proaireo - to take forth out of any place, to prefer, choose, to purpose.
 - b. Not purpose only but as he purposes in his heart
 - 2. Not according to the head, mathmatically.
 - 3. Not according to what someone else gives.
- C. This heart purpose accomplishes more than any other type of purpose.
 - 1. Daniel "purposed in his heart."
 - 2. Heart purpose produces bountifully.

I. HEART PURPOSE SOWS BOUNTIFULLY. V6

- A. "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."
 - 1. sparingly = pheidomai - to spare, to be miserly.
 - 2. reap = therisei - to gather a harvest.
- B. "and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."
 - 1. soweth = speiron - to sow, to sow seeds.
 - 2. bountifully = epi eulogias - upon blessing, a gift freely bestowed and thus constituting a blessing, to the giver and the recipient.

II. HEART PURPOSE GIVES UNGRUDGINGLY. V7

- A. "not grudgingly."
 - 1. grudgingly = ek out of, lupes - sorrow.
 - 2. It is not angry at being forced to give.

- B. When one gives from the heart it does not create sorrow or grief.
 - 1. I wish I hadn't given so much.

III. HEART PURPOSE GIVES UNNECESSARILY.

- A. "not of necessity."
 - 1. necessity = anagke - force, constraint.
 - 2. do not give because of force.

- b. When one gives from the heart, there is inward pressure.
 - 1. Pressure from the inside gives more.
 - 2. Outside pressure is less noble.

IV. HEART PURPOSE GIVING, GIVES CHEERFULLY.

- A. "for God loveth a cheerful giver."
 - 1. cheerful = hilaros - joyous, (hilarous) To cause to shine, one whose face shines with joy and satisfaction.

- B. God loves everyone, so why the cheerful giver?
 - 1. It is a good indicator of spiritual health.
 - 2. If we give cheerfully, other things are O.K.

V. HEART PURPOSE GIVING IS BLESSED OF GOD. V8

- A. God is able to bless and prosper.
 - 1. "and God is able to make all grace abound toward you
 - 2. All prosperity comes from God.
 - 3. Not an investment, Oral Roberts, Seed faith.

[Never go to a faith healer's hospital, he doesn't trust God or medicine.]

- B. Why would God bless a heart purpose giver?
 - 1. "that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."
 - 2. And it is in God's power to provide you richly with every good gift; thus you will have ample means in yourselves to meet each and every situation, with enough to spare for every good cause.

VI. HEART PURPOSE GIVING FINDS SANCTION IN THE BIBLE. V9,10

- A. Such a giver will never be forgotten.
 - 1. "as the Scripture says, He scatters his gifts to the poor; his uprightness will never be forgotten." Gspd
- B. Such a giver may expect increased righteousness.
 - 1. "He who gives seed to the sower and turns that seed into bread to eat will give you the seed of generosity to sow and, for harvest, the satisfying bread of good deeds done." Phi
 - 2. The Bible promises us perpetual remembrance.

VII. HEART PURPOSE GIVING PRODUCES THANKFULNESS. V11

- A. It creates thankfulness in the giver.
 - 1. "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."
 - 2. If we can give we are thankful."
- B. It creates thanksgiving in the receiver.
 - 1. "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thansgivings unto God;"

VIII. HEART PURPOSE GIVING GLORIFIES GOD. V13

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- A. "Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;"
 - 1. experiment = dokime - proof, approved integrity.
 - 2. Their liberality would bring glory to God.

- B. "By the evidence of this service you procure glory to God for your loyalty to your profession of the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contributiions for them and for all." Wey

IX. HEART PURPOSE GIVING MAKES THE GIVER DESIRABLE. V14

- A. "And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you."
 - 1. The saints prayed for them.
 - 2. The saints longed for them.

- B. We are always anxious to see the face of a generous benefactor.

X. HEART PURPOSE GIVING IS THE WAY GOD GIVES. V15

- A. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."
 - 1. unspeakable = anekdiegetos - what cannot not be told out to the end. The details are unknown.

- B. "Thank God, then, for this indescribable generosity to you!" Phi
 - 1. "for his indescribable gift." Gspd.