

Biblical Giving (2 Corinthians 8-9)

- 8:1** – Giving is a manifestation of God’s grace in our lives
- 8:2** – Giving is for all believers regardless of their financial status
- 8:2-3** – The magnitude of a gift is measured by the ability of the giver to give rather than the actual amount
- 8:4** – Giving is the responsibility and privilege of our fellowship with other believers
- 8:5** – Supernatural giving involves giving one’s self before giving one’s substance

Biblical giving flows from a life that is yielded to God.

- 8:6-7** – It is not unbiblical to appeal to God’s people to participate in a ministry of giving
- 8:8-9** – Giving is an expression of the sincerity of one’s love
- Giving is a way in which we imitate our Lord Jesus Christ
- 8:10-12** – Giving begins with a desire to be involved, and a decision before God to follow through according to one’s ability
- 8:13-15** – The principle of equality should inform our giving
- 8:16-23** – The principle of integrity should inform our giving
- 9:1-5** – Don’t allow covetousness to override faith.
- 9:6** – God’s blessing is proportional to my giving patterns
- 9:7** – Giving is to be voluntary – from a personal conviction.

God wants me to give with joy, not with regrets or stress

- 9:8-9** – Giving in this way guarantees the provision of God
- 9:10-12** – Giving is an act of faithful worship/service that results in:
- 1) Multiplied righteousness / blessing from God
 - 2) Thanksgiving to God from those who benefit from our gift
- 9:13-14** – Giving glorifies God as a testimony of the gospel
- Phil. 4:14-17** – There *is* profit *to our account* when we invest wisely in the gospel work

Application: What ministries and how much?