

Power in weakness #9

# A cheerful giver

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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### 1. The \$90m draw that stopped the nation ...

### 2. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ - the context of Christian giving

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the *grace* that God has given the Macedonian churches. **2 Corinthians 8:1**

For you know the *grace* of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.  
**2 Corinthians 8:9**

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

Grace NOT legalism

Jesus - our model and our motive for giving

### 3. How to give?

NOT

### How much to give?

generous

willing

cheerful

not reluctant

or compulsion

expression of thanks  
to God for Jesus

Christian freedom

God trusts us with this  
verse 7

## **4. The character of the giver**

Christians give generously - we are not stingy

“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” Matthew 6:21

Can we trust God if we are generous? verses 8-10

Matthew 6:25-34 “seek first God’s kingdom and his righteousness”

## **5. BEWARE !!!**

### **i. Prosperity “gospel”**

“Give to God so that he will give to you”

Its promoters use “godliness” as a means to financial gain

### **vs Real gospel:**

God gives to us (grace)

so that we can give to others (grace) verses 11-12

### **ii. Martyr giving:**

Giving so others will notice and thank me

### **vs Christian giving:**

Giving so that God will be thanked verses 12-13.

## **6. Rewards in giving**

a harvest of righteousness verse 6, 8:9 and 5:21

Relationships enriched verse 14

## **7. Does your use of money reflect your thankfulness to Jesus?**

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