



INVESTING in
GOD'S KINGDOM
Part 3

2 Corinthians 9:1-8

The Welcome
Center Project

The Why

Dates

Give

FAQs

Images

I would like to give a one-time special gift of \$_____

Regular commitment to giving over the next year:

Weekly \$_____

Monthly \$_____

Other \$_____

The Bible talks a lot about finances.

- **2,300 verses on money, wealth & possessions**
- **Jesus spoke about money 15% of his teaching & 11 of 39 parables**
- **Jesus' #1 most talked about topic**



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**Giving can be one of
the greatest blessings
of your life.**

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(vs. 7a).
2. God wants you to give in the right way
(vs. 7b).



4 Good Attitudes about Life & Giving

2 Corinthians 9:7

- I am to give thoughtfully ... *“according as he purposed in his heart”*
- I am to give enthusiastically ... *“not grudgingly”*
- I am to give voluntarily ... *“or of necessity”*
- I am to give cheerfully ... *“for God loves a cheerful giver”*

Not

- Sad givers (*grudgingly or reluctantly*)
- Mad givers (*of necessity*)

But

- Glad givers (*cheerfully share because we have experienced the grace of God*)

Cheerful

hilaron; hilaros



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Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 6:38

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4. You can count on God to meet all your needs *(vs. 8).*

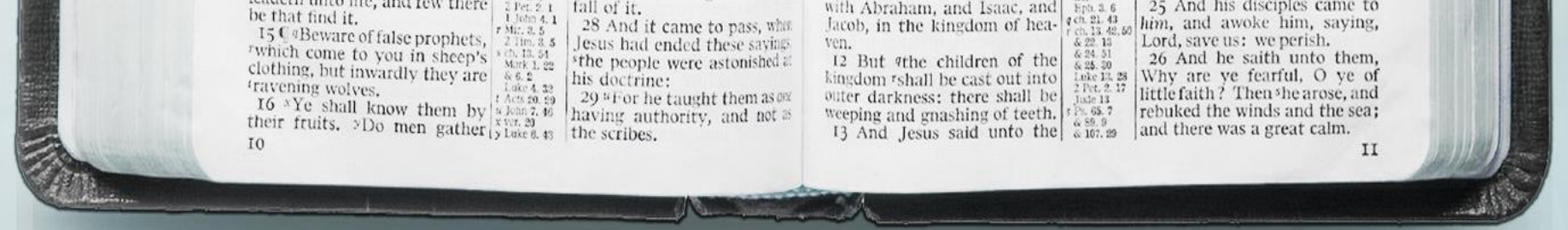


Question:

*What does this verse (vs. 8)
not cover in your life?*

One of the ways that you mark a spiritually growing church – is a growing spirit of generosity

Here's the reason  it is a reflection of the generous nature of God.



**Do you find yourself more & more
cheerfully generous with your resources?**

or

**Do you find yourself more stingy, selfish
and grumpy when giving opportunities
come your way?**

Generosity Prayer

Holy Father, there is nothing we have that You have not given us. All we have and all we are belong to You, bought with the blood of Jesus.

To spend selfishly and to give without sacrifice is the way of the world, but generosity is the way of those who call Christ their Lord.

So, help us to increase in generosity until it can be said that there is no needy person among us. Help us to be trustworthy with such a little thing as money that You may trust us with true riches.

Above all, help us to be generous because You, Father, are generous. May we show what You are like to all the world.