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TEACH US
TO PRAY

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Praying Through Giving

— 2 CORINTHIANS 9 —

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)

The Jerusalem Church was in trouble. There was a famine throughout the land and Jewish Christians were in deep poverty. The Apostle Paul calls on the Gentile Christians to take offerings and send the money to Jerusalem. Paul was keeping a promise made to the Jerusalem leaders, Galatians 2:6-10.

The Macedonian Churches were poor themselves. But they stepped up and gave. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.

- Their abundance of joy and extreme poverty have overflowed with generosity.
- They gave of their own accord.
- They gave first themselves to the Lord.

I. Our giving should not be _____ out of us, 2 Corinthians 9:5.

- A. "Willing gift."
- B. Not an exaction. Πλεονεξία (pleonexia) = a gift which betrays the givers covetousness; the insatiable desire to have what rightfully belongs to others. The insatiable desire to have what rightly belongs to God.

II. Our giving follows the _____ law of sowing and reaping, 2 Corinthians 9:6.

III. Our giving is to be _____, 2 Corinthians 9:7;
Proverbs 11:24, "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer, another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."

Cheerful is from the Greek word ἡλᾱρός (hilaros) or hilarious.

IV. Our giving builds _____, 2 Corinthians 9:10.

- A. Money is seed.
- B. Planting that financial seed into the ministry brings about a harvest or testimony of righteousness.

V. Giving _____ a spirit of thankfulness, 2 Corinthians 9:11-13.

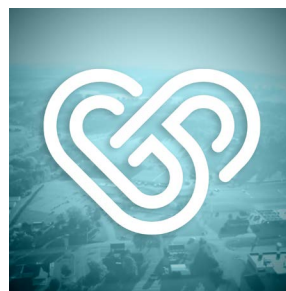
VI. Giving is _____ in God's gift given to us, 2 Corinthians 9:15.

- A. Jesus made a _____ decision to obey.
- B. Jesus set aside His _____ for the needs of others.
- C. Jesus _____ Himself as a sacrifice, not a convenience.
- D. Jesus was _____.

Take-aways on giving to pray over.

1. A special time, 1 Corinthians 16:2
2. A willing gift, 2 Corinthians 9:5.
3. A universal law of sowing and reaping, 2 Corinthians 9:6.
4. A heart decision, 2 Corinthians 9:7.
5. A free decision, 2 Corinthians 9:7.
6. A cheerful decision, 2 Corinthians 9:7.
7. A patterned decision, 2 Corinthians 9:15.

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