

Enthusiastic Giving **II Corinthians 9**

Today let's consider some elements of God's encouragement for enthusiastic giving.

Enthusiastic giving is encouraged by:

I. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION (1-5)

- People won't generally give when uninformed, ill-informed or unprepared

A. INSPIRATION IS NOT NEEDED (1-2)

- They were informed, ready and zealous about giving

B. PREPARATION IS NEEDED (3-5)

- Avoiding surprises, awkwardness, disorder and covetousness

SUMMARY: People can get excited about giving to things they know of and for which they have time to prepare.

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II. THE APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES (6-7)

A. SOWING AFFECTS REAPING (6)

1. Generosity is encouraged - See Prov. 11:24-26
2. Patience is essential - See Gal. 6:9

B. PREMEDITATED GIVING IS IMPORTANT (7a)

- It is our obligation to think through what we personally will do

C. ATTITUDE IS ESSENTIAL (7b)

1. Sincerity is required - Not grudgingly
2. Free-will is important - Not under compulsion
3. Cheerfulness is expected - God loves a cheerful giver

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III. **IMPRESSIVE REWARDS** (8-11a)

A. PUBLICALLY (8-9)

- The privilege of being God's middle-man

B. PRIVATELY (10-11a)

- The privilege of being God's blessed man

Enthusiastic giving is encouraged by:

IV. **NOTEWORTHY RESULTS** (11b-15)

- God gets attention!

A. GOD IS THANKED (11b-12)

- By the apostle's team and the Jerusalem believers

B. GOD IS GLORIFIED (13)

- Because of their commitment and contribution

C. GOD IS SOUGHT (14)

D. GOD IS PRAISED (15)

CONCLUSION:

Do you enthusiastically give to God?