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2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Grace Giving Has A Positive Attitude Toward Giving, Not a Negative Attitude

Grace Giving Is...

- *Not a Command*
- *Not a grudging gift*
- *Not reluctant*
- *Not under compulsion*

Grace Giving Is The Overflow Of A Thankful Heart



Grace Giving Is A Willing Gift Of The Heart

Cost: Payment of money, time, effort or resources before something is acquired or owned.

Investment: Act of devoting time, effort, energy or resources to a particular undertaking with the expectation of a worthwhile return.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give.” 2Cor 9:7



Grace Giving Is A Willing Gift Of The Heart

- *Enlarge*
- *Harvest*
- *Righteousness*
- *Generous*

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”

2Cor 9:10



Grace Giving Is An Intentional Decision, Not A Casual Afterthought

- *Intentional decision*
- *Planned*
- *Sowing bountifully*

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2Cor 9:7



Grace Giving Begins With A Tithe

- *Originated with Abram long before OT Law* *Gen 14:20*
- *Incorporated by God and Moses in OT Law* *Lev 27:30*
- *Tithe is the beginning...Not the Goal!* *Lev 7:16; Am 4:5*
- *God challenges us to test Him* *Mal 3:10*
- *Endorsed by Jesus* *Matt 23:23*
- *Expanded upon by NT authors* *2Cor 8:7*

“But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2Cor 8:7



How To Begin Grace Giving

- *Be Intentional*
- *Start Where you are*
- *Stretch Yourself*
- *Rearranged your life so you can give*
- *Test God!*

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

Malachi 3:10

