

A Cheerful Giver – Part 2

Introduction and Review

- Planned & generous giving involves godly reminders & a zealous attitude (v. 1-2)
- Planned & generous giving involves preparing a financial gift before the time of offering (v. 3-5)
- Purposeful & generous giving is done **because** God gives bountifully to each believer – spiritually & physically (v. 6)
- Purposeful & generous giving is done **because** God has loved us & expects us to give cheerfully (v. 7)
- Paul gives more **reasons** to give generously & cheerfully:

I. God's Power (v. 8a)

A. Limitless in capability

“God is able” (δυνατέω) – to display great capability or power. God displays great power: to justify the saints (Rom. 14:4), to exercise discipline among saints (2Co. 13:3) & to supply all the saints' needs (2Co. 9:8).

B. Limitless in resources

“make all grace abound to you” – every blessing that is needed [spiritual & physical]. God alone has access to unlimited resources to meet the needs of every believer (Hag. 2:8; Ps. 50:10; Jas. 1:17).

God's power should motivate generous & cheerful giving.

II. God's Provision (v. 8b)

A. All sufficient resources

*Many believers do not give generously because they are concerned about having enough to meet their own needs. God promises to meet **all** our needs in **all** circumstances **all** the time*

B. Every godly ministry

*God reveals **the church** to which we must belong, **the ministries** in which we are to be involved, and the **people & causes** where we are to help. This is “good work” – making disciples. God will faithfully meet our needs so that we can generously give to **every** godly purpose.*

God's provision should motivate generous & cheerful giving!