

A Cheerful Giver – Part 3

Introduction and Review

- Paul gives more reasons for believers to give generously & cheerfully (v. 8):
- God is limitless in His capability – “God is able”
- God is limitless in resources – “make all grace abound to you”
- God provides all sufficient resources – **all** needs in **all** circumstances **all** the time
- God provides enough to support every godly ministry

I. Righteousness in Giving Generously (v. 9-10)

A. God cares for the poor (v. 9)

Giving to the poor is a sign of a right relationship with God – “righteousness” (1Jn. 3:17). God is faithful to motivate believers to give generously as an act of righteousness (1Jn. 2:29) – “his righteousness endures forever”.

B. God increases resources (v. 10)

God provides financial resources for the giver to help the needy – “supply”. God promises to supernaturally increase the effectiveness of resources given to those in need – “multiply” & “increase” (Mt. 14:13-21).

God’s righteousness is revealed as believers care for those in need.

II. Thanksgiving in Giving Generously (v. 11-12)

A. Generosity produces thanksgiving (v. 11)

When believers have generous hearts, God is generous to them spiritually & physically – “enriched” (πλουτίζω). Generosity from believers produces thanksgiving to God from recipients.

B. Generosity involves worship (v. 12)

“For the ministry of this service” (λατουργία) is a service of worship (Rom. 12:1-2). Giving money as an act of worship results in meeting physical needs & offering spiritual thanksgiving.

Generosity is an act of worship that provides physical needs & produces thanksgiving!