

WHY TO GIVE

BECAUSE OF ALL GOD GAVE US (8:9, 9:15)

Our giving is always in response to what God has first done for us in Jesus Christ.

We worship a God who has given us surpassing grace and an indescribable gift—life through the death of his son!



BECAUSE GIVING IS GOOD FOR US (8:1,7)

It is a grace of God toward us that we can give...

Because we get to joining him as his fellow-workers.

Because we grow in godliness and are freed from idolatry.



BECAUSE OF THE NEED (8:14)

There is great need, physical and spiritual, and our giving and generosity can help to provide for it.



BECAUSE IT PLEASES GOD (9:7)

As God's adopted children, we want to live to please him (1 Thess 4:1).

And one of the things that please him is rich generosity and cheerful giving!



BECAUSE IT LEADS TO A HARVEST (9:6, 13)

You reap what you sow! Generous giving will lead to an abundant kingdom harvest.



HOW TO GIVE

AS A PRIORITY (1 COR 16:2)

Is giving the first line in my budget? Do I set aside money? Would my overall use of money show that giving is a priority?



SACRIFICIALLY (2 Cor 8:2-4)

What have I had to give up / not do in order to contribute towards gospel ministry? (Giving can be substantial without being sacrificial)



EAGERLY (8:4)

This shows the important of the "Why to Give" points—when we consider those, we should be motivated and eager to give.



CHEERFULLY (9:7)

Am I happy to be able to give what I do? Do I resent my giving? Does being sacrificial help or hinder cheerfulness?



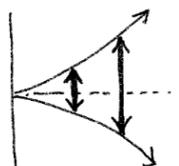
FREELY (8:8, 9:7)

I have a free choice to make on how much I give. (Note how this relates to the question of tithing, and the different responsibilities we have.)



PROPORTIONATELY (8:12)

Is my giving in keeping with my level of income, or am I too concerned with the raw amount? Will the percentage I give go up as my income goes up?



THOUGHTFULLY (9:7)

Have I taken time to think and pray about how much to give? Have I asked others for advice / accountability?



DEPENDENTLY (9:8-9)

We can trust God to supply all we need, so that we can overflow in generosity to others.



EXPECTANTLY (9:6)

Do I think my giving makes a difference? What spiritual harvest do I expect God to bring through it?

