

A Call for Generous Giving

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

I. Introduction

Matthew 16:24 – 25 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

II. Our gracious Savior is honored by generous disciples.

A. Sacrificial giving is a grace of God

"One of the effects of saving, transforming, sanctifying grace is a longing to give generously and sacrificially to those in need..." - John MacArthur

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

B. Sacrificial giving is the manner of God.

Philippians 2:4-8 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

C. Sacrificial giving that brings glory to God.

Philippians 4:15-20 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

III. Application

The Response to the Giver

“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6

The Faith of the Giver

“Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

The Supply to the Giver

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.” - 2 Corinthians 9:8