

First to the Lord

Lesson Three • 2Corinthians 9:1-11

It's a Matter of Trust

When It Comes to Going Generous...

It's ultimately a matter of TRUSTING God!

And this they did, not as we had hoped, but first gave themselves to the Lord... 2Corinthians 8:5

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 2Corinthians 9:8

Why Trusting God to Go Generous Is Always Worth It:

1. Going Generous Will MOTIVATE Others!

The Impact of Going Generous:

Generosity is CONTAGIOUS among Christ-followers.

Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. 2Corinthians 9:1-2

Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation. 2Corinthians 9:3-5

2. Going Generous Will BLESS You!

The Law of the Harvest (Sowing & Reaping):

➤ The Principle: we reap in MEASURE as we sow.

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2Corinthians 9:6

➤ The Explanation: we reap as we sow with the right HEART.

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2Corinthians 9:7

➤ The Promise: we reap even WHILE we are sowing.

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 2Corinthians 9:10-11

Three Words That Can Transform Your Life:

"GOD IS ABLE!"

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." 2Corinthians 9:8-9

The Bottom Line of Going Generous:

Are you willing to trust God ENOUGH to Go Generous in 2013?

