

when they take the gifts to those who need them, they (those receiving) will break out in thanksgiving and praise to God for your help. And they will pray for you with deep fervor and feeling because of the wonderful grace of God shown through you (II Corinthians 9:11,14).

1. Who is God's unspeakable gift mentioned in II Corinthians 9:15? \_\_\_\_\_

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### RELIEF OFFERING CONTINUED

#### PROVOKING ZEAL IN GIVING (II Corinthians 9:1,2)

The Corinthian believers are commended by Paul once again for their ministering to the saints in their desires and plans to give (II Corinthians 9:1).

1. In II Corinthians 9:2, Paul is boasting about one of the results of their zeal. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### LIVE UP TO YOUR PROMISES (II Corinthians 9:3-5)

Paul warned the Corinthian Church, that if those of the Macedonian Church come with him to receive the offerings and find them unprepared, not only they, but he also would be embarrassed (II Corinthians 9:4).

1. From II Corinthians 9:5:
  - (a) What did Paul do to keep down this possible embarrassment? \_\_\_\_\_

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- (b) What attitude was it Paul was concerned about that would keep them from giving? (Study Guide, p. 130)\_\_\_\_\_

This was to be a free will gift from the Corinthians, but Paul was concerned they might have cooled down from their commitment and become

covetous.

## LIBERAL GIVING BRINGS GOD'S BLESSINGS (II Corinthians 9:6-10)

To make his point very clear, Paul brings up an unfailing reciprocal spiritual law already taught in the Old and New Testaments. We find this law taught by Solomon in Ecclesiastes 11:1 and Proverbs 11:24,25; 19:17 and 22:9. David wrote about it in Psalm 18:25; and 41:1,2. Jesus taught this supernatural principle in Luke 6:38. (Ref. Galatians 6:7-9).

1. State that spiritual law from II Corinthians 9:6.

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There is a direct connection between our sowing (giving) and our reaping (receiving). If we are stingy in our giving, we cannot expect to receive much. If we are liberal in our giving, however, we can expect God to bless us accordingly. But to give grudgingly; or out of compulsion; or in order to get rich, is not the giving God blesses (II Corinthians 9:7) . We are to give out of a generous heart; out of obedience to the Word of God; with helping others and the work of the ministry as our determining factor.

Anyone who is not a giver will suffer need.

2. What kind of giver does God love? (II Corinthians 9:7) \_\_\_\_\_

3. There are 7 things mentioned in the Bible that God loves. What are they?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 10:18)
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 11:7)
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 37:28)
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 87:2)
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 146:8)
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (II Corinthians 9:7)
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:6)

4. Who is He that ministereth seed to the sower that both ministers bread for your food, and multiplies your seed sown, and increases the fruits of your righteousness? (Study Guide, this page) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ref. II Corinthians 9:10)

He that ministereth (II Corinthians 9:10):

Gr. epichoregeo, to supply; to aid. Only in verse 10; Gal. 3:5; 2Pet. 1:11. God is the one who ministers seed to the sower and bread to the eater. As all this comes from God and since we cannot exist without Him, He has the right to regulate how it is to be disbursed. It is also God who increases the fruit of righteousness and blesses all sowing and increase of the gospel. <sup>1</sup>

## GIVING PRODUCES THANKSGIVING TO GOD (II Corinthians 9:11-15)

Paul explains to the Corinthian believers, that their giving will produce thanksgiving to God. For

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1. Dake Annotated Reference Bible, II Corinthians 9: 10, Note d, p. 197.