

# 2 Corinthians 9

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## The Cheerful Giver

**1** For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

**2** For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

**3** Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

**4** Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

**5** Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

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## The Blessings of Generosity

**6** But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

**7** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

**8** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

**9** (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

**10** Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

**11** Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

**12** For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

**13** Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

**14** And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

**15** Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

### Grace — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

### Gospel — εὐαγγέλιον (Euangelion)

Good news, gospel

The Greek **euangelion** (εὐαγγέλιον) means good news or gospel—the message of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection. It's 'the power of God unto salvation' (Romans 1:16).

### Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

**Righteous** — δίκαιος (Dikaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaios** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

**2 Corinthians 9:1** **Parallel theme:** Galatians 6:10

**2 Corinthians 9:2** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 8:8; 8:10; 8:24

**2 Corinthians 9:3** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 8:6

**2 Corinthians 9:5** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 33:11; 1 Samuel 25:27; Philippians 4:17

**2 Corinthians 9:6** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 9:10; Proverbs 11:18; 19:17; 22:9; Ecclesiastes 11:1; 11:6; Luke 6:38; Galatians 3:17; 5:16; Hebrews 6:10

**2 Corinthians 9:7** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 8:12; Exodus 25:2; 35:5; Proverbs 11:25; 22:9; Acts 20:35; Romans 12:8; James 5:9; 1 Peter 4:9. **References God:** 1 Chronicles 29:17

**2 Corinthians 9:8** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:9; 10:22; 28:27; Haggai 2:8; Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Ephesians 3:20. **Grace:** 2 Corinthians 8:7; Psalms 84:11. **Good:** Titus 3:14

**2 Corinthians 9:9** **Righteousness:** Psalms 112:3; 112:9; Proverbs 8:18; 21:21; Isaiah 51:8

**2 Corinthians 9:10** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 9:6; Genesis 47:19; Ecclesiastes 11:6; Isaiah 55:10; Matthew 6:1; Philippians 4:17; 1 Thessalonians 3:12. **Righteousness:** Proverbs 11:18; Hosea 10:12; Philippians 1:11

**2 Corinthians 9:11** **References God:** 2 Corinthians 4:15; 8:16; 9:12. **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 1:11; 8:19; 2 Chronicles 31:10; Romans 12:8; 1 Corinthians 1:5

**2 Corinthians 9:12** **Parallel theme:** Philippians 2:25. **References God:** 1 John 3:17

**2 Corinthians 9:13** **References God:** Galatians 1:24; Hebrews 13:16. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 5:16. **References Christ:** 2 Corinthians 2:12

**2 Corinthians 9:14** **Grace:** 2 Corinthians 8:1; 1 Timothy 1:14. **Parallel theme:** Philippians 4:1. **References God:** Philippians 1:8

**2 Corinthians 9:15** **References God:** 2 Corinthians 2:14; Psalms 30:12; John 3:16; Romans 5:15; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Ephesians 5:20. **Parallel theme:** Romans 8:32; James 1:17; Revelation 4:9

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