

Faithful Stewards of Abundance

Abundance: plentiful supply or quantity

⁶ “The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’ ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ **You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;** ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! *II Corinthians 9:6-15*

How do you respond to the statement...

“No one ever loses because they are generous.”

What do you think Paul means in verse 7?

How can we acknowledge the truth of verse 8, “God is able to give you more than you need.”?

Using the analogy of seed planting, verse 10 reminds us that it is God who supplies the seed and makes it grow. It is God who produces the harvest and gives us bread to eat. God is in the process every step of the way.

Verses 11-13 tell us that our generosity will produce what results?

“...the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.” means what?

What is the indescribable gift for which Paul gives thanks?